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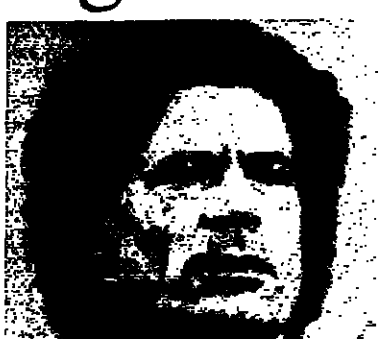
Rome Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff (Israel Sun)

Chief Rabbi of Rome optimistic over Papal visit

By LISA PALMIERI-BILLIG and HAIM SHAPIRO
 Jerusalem Post Correspondents
ROME. — The pope's visit to the city's main synagogue on Sunday is a step towards Vatican recognition of Israel, as well as an effort to improve Catholic-Jewish relations, Rome Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff told *The Jerusalem Post*.
 The establishment of formal diplomatic relations would be good for the Vatican as well as Israel, Toaff said, as the Holy See could then play a real part in the future peace negotiations.
 Speaking in the wood-paneled office where he will receive the pope for a private meeting after the public visit to the synagogue, Toaff acknowledged that the visit had raised problems of Halacha. But, he said, these had been solved by goodwill on the part of the Vatican.
 The pope, for example, will not carry into the synagogue his large, crucifix-topped staff, which is the symbol of his office and which he usually carries on such occasions. He will, however, wear the cross which is a part of his dress.
 The fact that men and women will be sitting together in the synagogue will in itself preclude any sort of religious service. Toaff stressed that the psalms that he and the pope will recite should not be seen as prayers. However, there will be a moment of silent meditation.
 Sunday's programme is the result of close cooperation by both sides, aimed at conveying a spiritual message with poignancy while maintaining the strict limits required by mutual respect for their separate religious identities.
 Upon the pope's entry, the chorus will chant Psalm 150 accompanied by the synagogue's organ (an old tradition). Then Genesis 15:1-7 will be read in Hebrew and Italian, followed by Micah 4:1-5. After speeches by the president of Rome's Jewish community and the chief
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Second U.S. carrier sails towards Libya as tension heightens

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. aircraft carrier Coral Sea left Spain and joined the carrier America in the Mediterranean yesterday as tensions between the U.S. and Libya grew over terrorist bombing attacks against Americans.
 President Reagan on Wednesday night called Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi the "mad dog of the Middle East." But he would not say if Washington would strike at Libya or suspected terrorist groups because of the bombings last week on a TWA jet over Greece and in a West Berlin discotheque. Five Americans died in the attacks.
 NBC reported last night that the U.S. is planning to bomb oil installations and terrorist bases in Libya, as soon as the order is given by Reagan.
 Pentagon officials said the 62,000-ton Coral Sea and its 80 aircraft, including 40 F-18 fighter jets and an attack and electronic warfare aircraft, left Malaga early yesterday and steamed into the central Mediterranean.
 The 78,500-ton America, carrying F-14 fighter jets and a combination of attack and electronic warfare planes, left Livorno, Italy, on Wednesday.
 The two carriers and their protective battle groups of about 10 ships each are part of the U.S. Navy Sixth Fleet armada of 30 ships in the Mediterranean.
 Navy Secretary John Lehman said the fleet was ready to strike at Libya if Reagan ordered it.
 Lehman said the service was also increasing base security to deal with the threat of terrorism, but declined to give details.
 "We're gathering evidence as fast as we can," Reagan told a news conference Wednesday night. Earlier in the day, he told a group of news editors that Gaddafi "is definitely a suspect" in the fatal bombings aboard the TWA jetliner and in the West Berlin nightclub.
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Muammar Gaddafi (Camera Press)

But he said, "We're continuing with our intelligence work and gathering evidence on these most recent attacks, and we're not ready yet to speak on that."
 In other developments, a bomb heavily damaged the Air France office in Lisbon yesterday, and an anonymous caller said the attack was in protest against French "collaboration" with the U.S. against Libya.
 The caller said the "commando" group that carried out the bombing had already travelled the 320 kilometres north to Portugal's second largest city.
 "Don't bother looking for the group in Lisbon. We're already in Oporto," the caller said.
 The French government on Saturday ordered the expulsion of two Libyan diplomats on suspicion of planning terrorist attacks.
 West Germany's ARD television network yesterday quoted unnamed West German security officials as saying that Gaddafi had sent the Palestinian group to bomb the Berlin nightclub so that Libya could not be blamed for it afterwards.
 A West German Interior Ministry spokesman said that the report was "not true."
 North Atlantic Alliance leader Lord Carrington yesterday agreed with Reagan that the U.S. could not (Continued on Back Page)

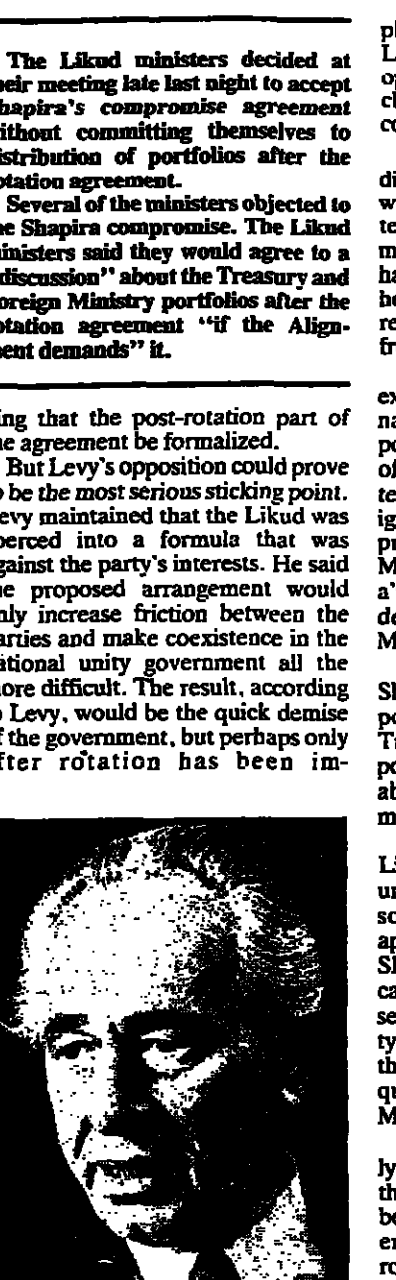
Peres, Shamir meeting today to wrap-up coalition deal

By SARAH HONIG and ROY ISACOWITZ
 Jerusalem Post Correspondents
TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Peres and Vice Premier Shamir are due to meet this morning to complete the agreement ending the coalition crisis.
 The Likud's ministers were meeting late last night to discuss the agreement. One remaining obstacle to resolution of the crisis is the dissatisfaction voiced by Deputy Premier David Levy as soon as he arrived in Israel from Canada yesterday morning. Levy said the deal as proposed yesterday was not to the Likud's advantage.
 Addressing the final session of the Labour Party convention last night, Premier Peres said he was determined to honour the rotation agreement provided that the unity government "served the interests of the economic growth, national unity, and the cause of peace, and provided an example of how to run the country." The convention adopted Peres's statement.
 The agreement between Labour and the Likud calls for Shamir to take over the Finance Ministry and Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i to move to the Foreign Ministry. Labour sources stressed last night that the agreement does not mention the distribution of portfolios following rotation.
 Energy Minister Moshe Shalev said, baring unforeseen developments, the cabinet would be informed of the agreement on Sunday morning. It would then have to be approved by the Knesset before being implemented.
 A senior Labour minister told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that Peres had informed the Labour ministers that he was leaning towards accepting the finance portfolio after rotation, but would only make a final decision when the time came.

The Labour ministers accepted the compromise agreement early yesterday, after Peres informed them that he had given his approval in principle during a conversation with Agudat Yisrael MK Avraham Shapira, the self-appointed mediator of the crisis. Several ministers were unhappy with the decision but accepted that it was unavoidable.
 On the Likud side, there was opposition to formalizing that part of the agreement that deals with cabinet portfolios after the rotation, leaving it as a tacit understanding.
 Tourism Minister Avraham Shariar also voiced objections to the proposed agreement in last night's meeting of Likud ministers. Shariar reportedly said that the Liberal Party could not afford to lose the important Treasury portfolio.
 Shapira, who was at the Likud ministers' meeting, reportedly told them that there was nothing in the agreement itself that would give the Treasury to Peres after the rotation. He said that this was implied in the agreement. Peres and his Labour colleagues are reportedly demanding that the post-rotation part of the agreement be formalized.
 But Levy's opposition could prove to be the most serious sticking point. Levy maintained that the Likud was coerced into a formula that was against the party's interests. He said the proposed arrangement would only increase friction between the parties and make coexistence in the national unity government all the more difficult. The result, according to Levy, would be the quick demise of the government, but perhaps only after rotation has been implemented.



David Levy (Rahamin Israeli)



Shimon Peres (Brauner)

plemented. If that is the case, said Levy, the Likud would do better to opt for elections now, when it can claim that Peres did not honour his commitments.
 One of the issues likely to be discussed in this morning's meeting will be the fate of the deputy ministers from both parties. A Labour minister told *The Post* that the issue had not yet been discussed, but that he expected Peres to insist on the retention of three deputy ministers from each party.
 With the transfer of Moda'i, the expected appointment of Deputy Finance Minister Adiel Amorai to the post of deputy governor of the Bank of Israel appeared likely, the minister said. He added that Deputy Foreign Minister Ronnie Milo would probably transfer to the Finance Ministry with Shamir, and that Moda'i would have to choose a Labour deputy minister in the Foreign Ministry.
 The minister added that with Shamir's takeover of the finance portfolio, senior officials in the Treasury would gain a greater say in policy. Shamir, he said, knows little about economics but is "an honest man and a quick learner."
 According to some Labour and Likud sources, Shapira will not go unrewarded for his efforts. The sources said Shapira might be appointed deputy finance minister. Shapira's party, while opposing cabinet membership for its representatives, has been seeking a deputy premiership to compensate it for the one lost when Menahem Porush quit the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry.
 With the cabinet shake-up basically worked out, the rotation debate at the Labour convention turned out to be an anti-climax. Most of the speakers were in favour of honouring rotation and Peres's statement was approved by an overwhelming majority.



Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir meeting yesterday with Egyptian Minister of State in the Foreign Ministry Butros Ghali. Shamir requested that the Egyptian media cease their attacks on Israel, and Ghali said that the Taba problem should be resolved in order to strengthen the peace between the two countries. (Reuters telephoto)

Israel wants UN file on 'another diplomat'

NEW YORK. — The Israeli ambassador to the UN, Binyamin Netanyahu, said yesterday that the UN War Crimes Commission has a file on another prominent diplomat in addition to Kurt Waldheim and that Israel wants to examine it.
 "We came across other interesting names [in an index] and we are going to ask about them," Netanyahu said in a U.S. television interview.
 He declined to identify the diplomat, whom he described as "a rather prominent figure in diplomacy," or to divulge some of the other names.
 Former Austrian chancellor Bruno Kreisky meanwhile sharply criticized Waldheim's concealment of his past. "An old friendship has been broken," said Kreisky.
 Israel has asked to see the dossiers on Alois Brunner, a former Nazi living in Damascus, and on the diplomat, an Israeli spokesman at the UN said.
 He also declined to name the diplomat. But a UN source said his name is Klenner. Israel has in the past charged that a vice chairman of the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva, Herman Klenner of East Germany, belonged to the Nazi Party. Brunner was an aide to Adolf Eichmann. (Reuters, AP, JTA)

Less water means worse water

By YITZHAK OKED
 Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The quality of the country's water is going down along with the level of its water reserves, and will get progressively worse until the next rainy season, Mekorot spokesman Mordechai Yacobovitch yesterday told a group of schoolchildren visiting the Kinneret.
 He explained that the quality of the water, in terms of salinity, is directly connected to the shortage of rain this season. He said that rain tends to "wash out" chemicals in the ground that accumulate and contribute to high salinity. High salinity makes water unfit for either drinking or irrigation.
 Yacobovitch added that this is the first time that Mekorot is facing a summer with a large deficit in its water reserves. Artificial reservoirs that usually fill up during the winter are empty, and there has been little run-off from floods. The deficit has been created by using up underground water without having other sources to replenish it.
 He said that "we are facing a catastrophe, and everyone should make efforts to conserve water."

Parties step back from election abyss

TEL AVIV. — The Likud and the Alignment, belligerently poised at the brink of new elections, stepped back yesterday out of fear of falling into the abyss. Suddenly each side found advantages in a peace plan that had been rejected earlier this week.
 Before the crisis escalated to what appeared to be the point of no return, Agudat Yisrael's Avraham Shapira approached Labour with a proposal suggested by Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, whereby Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i would switch portfolios, on the understanding that Premier Peres could have the finance ministry after the rotation if he wanted it.
 But at that time official Likud spokesmen ridiculed the suggested reshuffle, and Labour flatly rejected it.
 What caused both sides to change their minds?
 Though Moda'i first announced that he had resigned from the Treasury he would not accept another cabinet position, he soon let his colleagues know that he really was interested in the foreign affairs post. That let the Likud ministers off the hook. As Transport Minister Haim Coria explained: "Moda'i would not be kicked out of the cabinet, and once we had a solution that he was happy with, there was no point opposing it."
 It is no secret in political circles that the one job Moda'i sought more than the finance portfolio was that of foreign minister. His remark about having 90 per cent of the qualifications for the post is part of Israeli political folklore. Moda'i told Liberal associates yesterday that he would regard the foreign minister's job as a promotion.
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 SARAH HONIG

Sharon must keep Shamir as leader for as long as possible.
 The Likud was also concerned about how the government would fall. Labour seemed to have maneuvered the Likud into leaving the cabinet before its composition would be frozen as a transition government. Thus all Likud portfolios would be in Labour's hands. There was no way the Likud could assure a Knesset vote of no-confidence before the resignations of their ministers went into effect.
 Moreover, there were gnawing doubts in the Likud about just how far the religious parties could be trusted not to team up with Labour in a narrow coalition.
 Besides, the Likud really wants rotation. The Likud is determined to get what it has "paid for."
 On the Labour side, the agony of decision was Peres's alone. Only he stood to lose if the rotation fell through. What this would mean for him personally was made clear to him by Likud politicians during the crisis, and especially throughout Wednesday. The Likud would be sure to make Peres's credibility the main issue of the election campaign. Likud spokesmen had already started to portray him as untrustworthy and to regale their listeners with
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Missing husband's eight-year spree ends

By YORAM GAZIT
 For *The Jerusalem Post*
TEL AVIV. — Eight years after deserting his wife and two children in Bat Yam and disappearing without a trace, 40-year-old Meir Gavrieli was discovered in a Haifa apartment leading a bachelor's life. Details of the case — which was finally solved by a private detective agency — were released for publication by the Rabbinical Court here yesterday.
 Gavrieli and his wife Tzipora were married 13 years ago. They settled in Bat Yam and had two children.
 Meir, originally from Jaffa, had been married before, in Haifa, but was divorced after five years.
 About eight years ago Meir and Tzipora began divorce proceedings in the rabbinical court in Tel Aviv. Meir then disappeared and his wife, now 36, went to work in a shoe factory to support her children. Like other women in her situation she was considered an *aguna* (stranded wife), and was not allowed to remarry. She struggled for years to obtain some support from the National Insurance Institute, but it was only in 1983 that she began receiving an allowance, which turned out to be insufficient for the family.
 All efforts by the police and National Insurance Institute to find Gavrieli failed.
 About three months ago, an attorney, Yisrael Weisblat, who represented Tzipora at the rabbinical court, advised her to hire a private detective agency to trace her missing husband. Emanuel Mizaki and Ya'akov Yachini, of Private Investigation Ltd., took the case for a nominal fee and after a few weeks located the missing husband in his apartment in Haifa's Hadar quarter. Gavrieli was subsequently arrested.
 It was found that on leaving his wife Tzipora, he moved in with his first wife in Haifa, and the two had a child.
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SMITH RESEARCH CENTRE POLL: 'Kahane's reservoir of disaffected could expand'

Support for Kach ebbs, but still equal to Shas

By HANOCHE and RAFT SMITH
Special to the Jerusalem Post

The tide of voters for MK Meir Kahane's Kach Party has receded considerably from a high of 9 per cent in August 1985 to 3 per cent in the poll conducted last month by the Smith Research Centre among 1,245 Jewish voters. But this is still more than twice the percentage that supported him in the 1984 Knesset elections.

In the 1984 elections, Kach received 25,000 of the over 2,000,000 votes cast. This was 1.2 per cent of the total votes cast and gave Kahane his Knesset seat. Despite the recent drop in the polls, he nonetheless has as much support as Shas and more than Shinui.

The election results indicated his votes came mainly from the poorer development towns and the poor districts in certain cities. For example Kach received 6.8 per cent of the vote in Hatzor, 5.6 in Beit She'an,

4.6 in Netivot, 4.5 in Shlomi, and 4.3 in Beit Shimon.

His strength remains in the same quarters - the development towns and the poor districts. Demographic data indicate that at present nearly 90 per cent of his supporters are Jews originating in Islamic countries. Among Western Jews his support does not even approach the 1 per cent needed to get Knesset representation.

Nearly all the voters for Kach in the sample were under 39 years old. Being young, most of them were educated in Israel. Yet nearly 60 per cent had less than 12 years of schooling, a far higher percentage than among the supporters of any major party. A very high percentage of the Kach voters appear to have been school drop-outs or graduates of low-level vocational courses.

A large majority of Kach supporters are males, nearly half of whom defined themselves as religious or

ultra-Orthodox while most of the remainder defined themselves as traditional (*masorti*). There were practically no secular Jews among Kahane supporters in the poll.

This finding is of considerable significance, because they are more similar in profile to supporters of the religious parties than to supporters of parties like Tebiya and the Likud. While half of Kach's gains in the March poll, compared to the 1984 vote, came from the Likud, the other half came from religious parties, mostly Shas.

The employment situation of the Kach voter is also noteworthy. While in the general poll 22 per cent expressed a fear of losing their jobs, a clear majority of Kach voters in the poll expressed fear for their jobs in addition to those who had already lost their jobs.

Thus the portrait of the hard-core Kach supporter reveals a young,

under-educated male of Islamic country background, whose situation in the labour market is precarious, and who lives in a poor neighbourhood or in a development town which suffers from high unemployment. In brief, they are the disaffected, for they are at odds with Israeli society today.

Unlike virtually all other voters, Kach supporters feel that the government is not succeeding in dealing with the economy and is, in general, a failure. Over all ministers, they prefer Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz of Shas and Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon of the Likud; they dislike Prime Minister Peres the most.

Large majorities of Kach supporters resemble Orthodox religious voters, in that they support religious values as the basis for Israeli law, see the expansion of religious influence as a good thing, and oppose secular Jewish positions generally.

One of the important findings of the survey is how the support for Kahane differs from that of the other parties in the centre and right of the Israeli political spectrum. Tebiya supporters are much like Likud supporters in most of their characteristics; they appreciate the government's economic programme, giving it reasonably high marks and appreciate its key ministers, including Peres.

Tebiya supporters simply have stronger positions on issues related to the Arabs. Their supporters do not defect easily to Kahane. They are part of the mainstream of Israeli political life. The Kach supporters are distinctly outside it and hostile, with a religious twist. Because there is a broader population which supports strong positions vis-à-vis the Arabs and suffers economic uncertainty in these times, they could potentially feed on a much larger population.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Concert on Hermon for Independence Day

TEL AVIV. - A "Concert Teva," an open-air concert combined with nature walks on the Hermon, is being planned for Independence Day by the Society for the Preservation of Nature and the Israel Chamber Orchestra, it was announced this week.

The organizers urged the public to come on Independence Day Eve for a party in the Tal Forest, to stay overnight, and to join nature walks on the Hermon in the morning.

The concert will be given in the afternoon and will include Britten's *Young People's Guide to the Orchestra* as well as works by Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, Borodin and other composers - played by a full symphony orchestra of over 80 musicians from the Israel Chamber Orchestra, the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, all participating without pay.

Admission will cost NIS 20 per car (up to five persons) for the concert, and NIS 25 per car for guided tours of the Hermon.

Proportion of smokers in population drops

By YITZHAK OKED

TEL AVIV. - A recent poll conducted by Mina Zemach of Dahaf found the number of smokers in Israel has dropped from 36 per cent of the population just three years ago to about 32 per cent today. But, the survey found, young people are smoking at the same rate, 50 per cent, as in the past, and smokers are buying more cigarettes than before.

The Dahaf poll, which was funded by a committee fighting cigarette use, found that the highest proportion of smokers are under 40 years old.

Men jailed for rape of Sixth Fleet woman

HAIFA (Itim). - The two men who raped a woman serving with the U.S. Sixth Fleet last November were sentenced to three and three-and-a-half years in prison respectively yesterday by the district court here.

Issa Diab Salama, who got the longer sentence, and his friend Nafali Kihal were also given suspended sentences of one year for a period of three years, after their release. They met the woman at a bar here and drove with her to a beach, where they raped her.

Prices of refrigerators, bras go up today

JERUSALEM Post Reporter
Brassieres and refrigerators will cost more as of this morning. Under order signed by Industry and Trade Minister Afiel Sharon, and Finance Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, the price of locally manufactured refrigerators goes up 10 per cent, and brassieres, pantyhose and other undergarments made of synthetic fabrics will cost 6 per cent more.

Second stage begins in Rubinstein competition

TEL AVIV. - The second stage of the Arthur Rubinstein Piano Competition got under way yesterday with seven of the 13 contestants, including the Israeli, Asaf Zohar, playing to a full and enthusiastic house at the Tel Aviv Museum.

At this stage, each solo recital consists of four pieces. Only one is compulsory - *Metamorphoses for Piano* by the late Israeli composer Odeda Paros. Each contestant must then pick one work from each of the following periods: classical, romantic, and 20th century. The solo recitals will continue today, and Sunday will be devoted exclusively to chamber music, with each contestant playing a sonata by Beethoven, either for piano and violin or piano and cello.

As a change of pace, one of the judges, Halina Czerny-Stefanska of Poland, will give a Chopin recital at the Tel Aviv Museum Saturday evening, giving contestants and audience the chance to judge a judge.

Only 8 Soviet Jews reach Israel last month

GENEVA (Reuters). - Only 53 Soviet Jews were allowed to emigrate to the West last month, the lowest figure since August last year, the International Committee for Migration reported yesterday.

Eight of the émigrés who arrived in Vienna travelled on to Israel and the remainder went to Italy for processing to other countries.

So far this year 216 Jews have left the Soviet Union, compared with 247 during the same period in 1985.

Labour wins at TAU

TEL AVIV. - Labour has won a resounding victory in the student elections at Tel Aviv University, with the list representing Labour and parties to the left, called Alternative, getting 80 per cent of the vote.

Alternative will have 57 seats on the Student Association's Council. Studention (representing the Likud and Tebiya) will have 10, and three will be held by independents. David Berman, head of Alternative, will continue as Student Association chairman.

Couples seek to adopt abandoned baby

KFAR SABA (Itim). - Dozens of couples from all over the country have asked the Meir Hospital for permission to adopt the baby girl who was found abandoned by the roadside near here earlier this week.

The infant, called "Ha'almorin" (the unknown one) by the nurses taking care of her, is doing well. A hospital spokesman explained that adoptions cannot be arranged through the hospital, but only by the state Adoption Service whose head office is in Jerusalem.

19th cent. French synagogue may find new home in Gilo

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

French authorities, who have never before permitted the shipment of old buildings abroad, have indicated willingness to permit the transfer of a 19th-century wood-ceilinged synagogue from Alsace to Israel, according to architect Gilbert Weil, who is attempting to save the abandoned structure by moving it to the Jerusalem neighbourhood of Gilo.

"There are pigeons flying around inside it today and water is coming through the roof," said Weil this week upon returning from a visit to France. "The architects responsible for preservation of historic monuments told me that they are not happy about its being shipped out of the country but will not oppose it, because they know they have no way of maintaining it themselves." Weil says the French authorities have until now permitted the transfer abroad of only some ancient cloisters, never a building.

The synagogue, built about 150 years ago, is located in the village of

Balbronn, 40 kilometres from Strasbourg. One of the scores of village synagogues serving the "country Jews" of Alsace in the 19th century, it housed an active congregation until World War II. In recent years, the Strasbourg-based Consistoire, representing Jewish communal interests in Alsace, attempted to sell the abandoned building to the local authorities in Balbronn; but the mayor declined. "He said that it was too beautiful to destroy and too costly to repair," says Weil. "Besides, they had no use to put it to."

A group of Alsatian Jews now living in Jerusalem learned of the abandoned synagogue and received the Consistoire's permission, in principle, to acquire it. Weil, who commutes between his Jerusalem home and a teaching post in a Marseilles university, created a legal association in France to seek the required authorizations and to execute the project.

"The cost of dismantling most of the building, shipping it and restoring

it in Gilo with necessary additions will amount to about 25 per cent more than building a new synagogue would cost," says Weil. He estimates this final cost at \$380,000, of which one-third would be raised by the local congregation and the other two-thirds provided by the government and the Jerusalem Foundation.

Executing the project remains a formidable bureaucratic and physical task, but Weil believes all the anticipated problems are solvable. "The first matter is raising the money," he says.

It will take three months to dismantle the building, according to contractors who specialize in conservation projects. The parts will then be placed in giant containers, trucked to Strasbourg, sent by rail to Marseilles and shipped to Ashdod.

Although it is still too early for visitors to the Balbronn synagogue to say "next year in Jerusalem," Weil believes the day they can say it is not many years away.



The village synagogue at Balbronn, Alsace.

Half of Knesset panel didn't show for budget sittings

Almost half the members of the Finance and Foreign Affairs and Defence Committees failed to attend any of the four meetings devoted to the defence budget.

The combined membership of the two committees (26 each) is the body that reviews the estimates prepared by the Defence Ministry and revised by the government. The defence budget this year comes to NIS 7.3 billion, or 24 per cent of the total

state budget of NIS 30.2b.

Statistics compiled by Zvi Israeli of Kol Yisrael show that only four MKs attended all four meetings: chairman Avraham Shapira (Agudat Yisrael), Pinhas Goldstein (Likud), Yitzhak Artzi and Haim Ramon (both Alignment).

Three other members attended three meetings: Dan Meridor (Likud), Shlomo Amar (Alignment), and Gershon Shafat

(Tebiya).

Among nine members who attended only two meetings were Abba Eban, chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, and Pessah Grupper, chairman of its subcommittee on the defence budget.

Another nine attended only one meeting, among them Binjamin Ben-Eliezer (Alignment) and Ehud Olmert (Likud).

Those with a "perfect" record of non-attendance are: Aharon Abuhatzira, Jacques Amir, Nava Arad, Yoram Aridor, Uzi Baram, Eliahu Ben-Elissar, Yigal Cohen-Orad, David Danino, Simcha Dinitz, Sara Doron, Gideon Gadot, Menahem Hachohen, Avraham Katz-Oz, Haim Kaufman, David Magen, Yehoshua Matza, Raphael Pinhasi, Ephraim Shalom, Benny Shalit, Shimon Ben-Shimon, Dan Tichon, Ariel Weinstein, and Shevah Weiss.

All told, 27 members attended at least one meeting, while 23 scored zero. (The total is 50, rather than 52, because two members serve on both committees.)

These figures do not necessarily

KNESSET SPOTLIGHT
Aryeh Rubinstein

reflect the members' attendance at ordinary meetings of their committees or how seriously they take their committee work in general.

And if they tell you that a 50-member committee is unwieldy, or that they don't know beans about budgets or defence, or both, and that they would just be occupying space if they showed up, it is difficult to rebut them.

It is precisely for these reasons that a few committee members, led by Meridor and Ramon, proposed an entirely new system for the review of the defence budget.

They suggested the establishment of a permanent team consisting of MKs and outside experts, all with economic, military, or intelligence experience.

The present combined committee cannot possibly do a proper job, members asserted. They cannot cope with all the budget figures, and if they want to study the estimates at

home they may not. For security reasons, none of the material may leave the committee room.

Although the idea won considerable support among the committee members, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Chief of General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy expressed their categorical opposition.

"Then we won't approve your budget," the MKs threatened. "Then don't," was the rejoinder. The MKs blinked first.

Government requests Knesset session

By ASKER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The government has requested a special Knesset session during the Pesach recess for a vote on the second and third readings of two pieces of legislation which have often been linked during parliamentary negotiations: the bill to outlaw publication of racist incitement, and the bill to ban meetings between Israelis and functionaries of the PLO.

Agudat Yisrael MK Menahem Porush said that the Orthodox faction would vote against the bill to

outlaw publication of incitement to racism since it could generate the false impression that Judaism can be equated with racism.

The government will also present a number of economic measures for the Knesset's approval.

The House Committee will meet on Wednesday morning to consider a request by the Tebiya faction to submit a motion of no-confidence in the government because of the statement by Prime Minister Peres, at the Labour Party Convention, expressing recognition of the Palestinian Arabs as a people.

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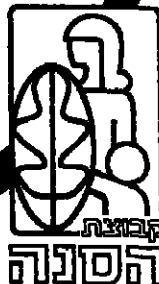
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Waldheim's disturbing case of amnesia

By GIDEON RAFAEL

FOR A NUMBER of years I was professionally associated with Dr. Kurt Waldheim. We met first as permanent representatives to the UN, and later when he served as its secretary-general, and I as director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry.

He was courteous and easily approachable; an eager conversationalist and reliable conduit of information. He was elastic in his attitudes; somewhat vacuous in his positions; noncommittal in controversies between the big powers; and cautious in his proceedings.

As an Austrian diplomat, he was steeped in the concept of neutrality, but not necessarily impartiality. He represented a country poised on the thin edge of the European East-West divide, and his natural inclination tended towards the camp of the non-aligned states which, although not disposing of the biggest battalions, commanded the largest bloc of votes.

Dr. Waldheim was eager to cultivate social contacts with Israeli diplomats and influential representatives of American Jewry. Not that he neglected Arab company. Why should he? They were numerous, munificent and non-aligned.

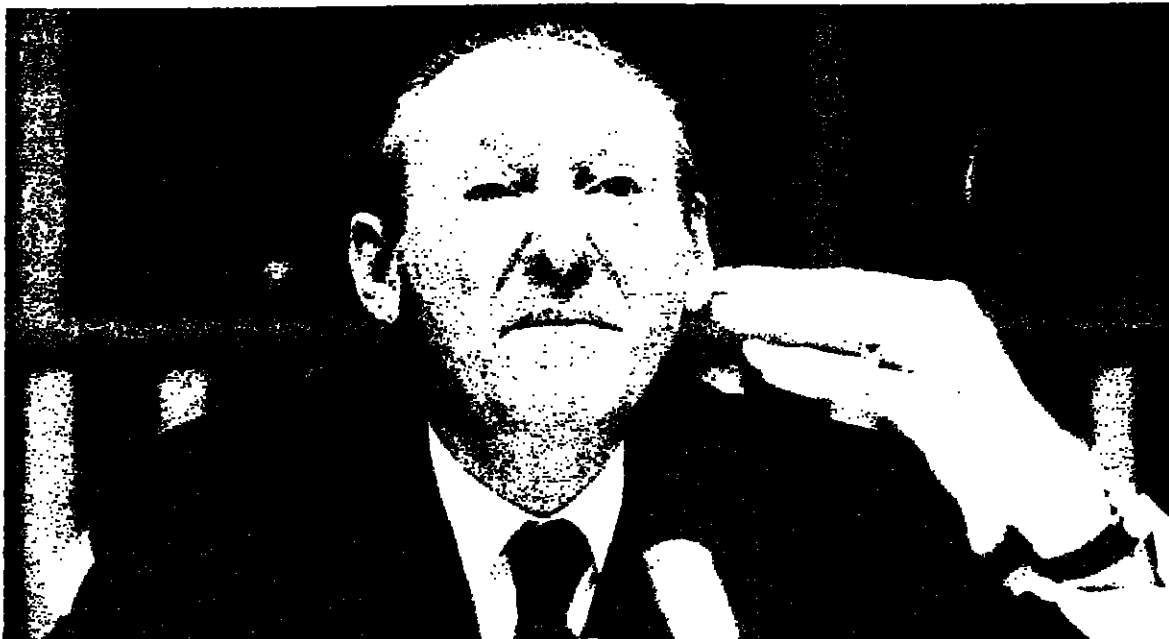
So far nothing unusual for a secretary-general who tried to keep afloat in the swirling waters of an organization drowning in verbosity. He administered an institution that had been powerless to terminate the war in Vietnam or to act effectively against the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan; that tolerated for more than three decades the uninterrupted practice of belligerence

by a group of member states against a fellow member. Waldheim presided over an organization that watched passively the extinction of millions in Cambodia; ignored the nightmare of Idi Amin's savage rule but deplored the heroic rescue of his hostages at Entebbe; that condemned international terror, but invited its most notorious instigator to address the General Assembly; an organization that had failed to settle a single major conflict but refused to welcome the peace treaty directly negotiated between Egypt and Israel.

TO HALT the steady decline of the UN would have required the guiding spirit and firm leadership of an outstanding personality, someone of strong character and principles, and also an accomplished statesman. But this was the last thing the powers that be sought when they approved Dr. Waldheim's candidature, sponsored by Dr. Bruno Kreisky. They preferred an amenable political weatherman who knew which way the wind was blowing. Dr. Waldheim, a diplomat of proven adaptability, was their natural choice. His record as secretary-general was neither better nor worse than that of the organization he headed.

Although the reasons for his election were not exactly inspiring, they were not unusual in the circumstances. What, however, made his appointment exceptional was his Austrian origin. The UN, which rose out of the alliance that eliminated the Nazi axis, elected to its highest post a man who had fought as an

One-time 'political weatherman' should help disclose the truth



Former UN secretary-general Kurt Waldheim eagerly cultivated contacts with Israeli diplomats.

officer in Hitler's army. This was not considered sufficient reason for his disqualification, though Waldheim had dissembled his pre-war Nazi associations and his war record.

Waldheim was elected because political expediency prompted the principal powers to wipe the slate clean in reference to Austria's voluntary or imposed collaboration with

Nazi Germany. Dr. Waldheim's election was meant to highlight his country's restored international reputation.

After the years of the Anschluss in which Austria's identity had been submerged by its "return to the Reich," its post-war diplomacy succeeded in impressing on the world community that the country had pas-

sed its darkest years not as part and parcel of Nazi Germany, but as its victim. Waldheim's elevation to the post of UN secretary-general was a recognition of the ultimate exculpation of his country.

NOW, 15 years later, grave doubts have arisen, whether Waldheim's election was also an act of his person-

al exoneration. Documentary revelations originating from Austria, expanded, interpreted and disseminated worldwide from the U.S. (not always with mature judiciousness) have cast a heavy cloud on Waldheim's war record, veracity and credibility.

The revelations evoked a series of questions for which he has yet to provide unequivocal, substantiated and convincing answers. Waldheim's omissions, by now admitted by him, and explained on grounds of failing memory, are deeply disturbing. His alleged commissions, however, if proven true, would be even far more alarming. They would constitute a monumental deception of the world community, a severe blow to the prestige of the UN and a stain on Austria's reputation.

Indeed the reactions of certain sectors of the Austrian population to the revelations about Dr. Waldheim's past, trying to transform the allegations into electoral capital, must arouse deep anxiety. Do they indicate that some Austrians have not yet severed their emotional and ideological ties with the Nazi era?

It would be tragic if the Austrian people were democratically to restore a stigma from which they so successfully freed themselves. It is misleading to present the international debate on Dr. Waldheim's past as a confrontation between the Jewish and the Austrian people. It is in reality a confrontation between Austria's present democratic respectability and the bitter truth of its past.

IN HIS recently published memoirs Waldheim complains bitterly about the hardships he and his family suffered when returning at the end of the war from Salzburg to Vienna in a

crowded cattle car. But what he fails to remember, even now, when recalling his plight, are the hundreds of thousands of fellow human beings who were transported by order of his compatriot, Adolf Eichmann, in cattle cars to destinations from which they never returned.

Waldheim claims neither knowledge nor recollection of the mass deportation of the Jews from Salonika, though he was stationed in the immediate vicinity as an intelligence officer on the staff of Gen. Alexander Loehr, who was sentenced to death and executed in Yugoslavia for the atrocities German special forces committed under his command. Waldheim's lack of memory, first of his joining the Nazi SA equestrian corps in 1938, then of his war service in the Balkans and finally of the war crimes committed by the army group in which he served, arouse serious suspicions that either his memory deceives him or that he betrays the memory of the victims slain by his comrades in arms.

Be that as it may, the facts that have come to light ought to be thoroughly investigated, and the documents published meticulously and impartially examined before a verdict on their merits can be pronounced. A body of internationally recognized figures with longstanding judicial reputations should be entrusted with this onerous but unavoidable task.

Waldheim would be well advised to take the initiative himself to dispel the nagging doubts. His readiness to cooperate fully with such an inquiry, conducted for instance by the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva, would serve his dignity, the standing of his country and the reputation of the UN.

Among the giants

By MARK SEGAL

YA'ACOV Shimshon Shapiro sits behind his huge desk in the study of his Tel Aviv town house and with some reluctance reminisces of the past, when he was the heart of the power-making process. Having reached the age of 84, Shapiro can look back across the years without passion or rancour. He enjoys the serenity of a good old age, awaiting the inevitable with a clear, unblinking gaze. Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro is a survivor of the generation of fathers of the Labour movement.

His life story encapsulates that of his contemporaries. Born in Khar'kov, he must have been one of the few Russian Jews to gain admission to its university's medical school. Coming on aliya as a pioneer, he was among the founders of Kibbutz Givat Hashlosha. His yearning for studies took him out of the kibbutz to the Mandatory law school in Jeru-



Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro (David Rubinger)

began long before the Yom Kippur War. They were too busy quarrelling to notice what was happening around them. No, he has no plans to attend the party convention. Indeed he has not attended party councils for years. He was not elected to the convention, because he did not stand.

His is one of the few remaining family homes on what used to be Keren Kayemet Boulevard, and which after Ben-Gurion's death was named after his most famous neighbour. Shapiro must be the only survivor of the group of families who built their homes in the first Shikun Ovdin cooperative neighbourhood in a bid to curb the land grab of the far-north boundaries of Tel Aviv by the Moslem burial society (today Independence Park), part of an Arab design to head off the settlement drive, which included armed raids from the sea. Today it is hidden from Shapiro's home by the concrete ugliness of Kikar Namir and its adjoining hotels. In those days, other neighbours across the road were David Remez, Hillel Cohen and other Mapai luminaries.

salem. Shapiro was, like the late Dr. Dov Joseph, among the first legal experts to become closely associated with the Mapai. With statehood, he was appointed Israel's first attorney-general, and that august office still bears his imprint.

Shapiro clashed with David Ben-Gurion, mainly over their differing interpretations of where the line should be drawn between a lawyer's private interests and a public official's position. The clash was intense, and Shapiro quit government service, proceeding to build up one of the largest law practices in the land. It was only after Ben-Gurion left the premiership and the party that Shapiro returned as the learned counsellor of the troika that controlled Mapai behind then premier Levi Eshkol - Golda Meir, Pinhas Sapir and Zalman Aranne.

SHAPIRO served them well, especially in the famous "trial" of Ben-Gurion and his disciples, like the late Moshe Dayan and Shimon Peres, before the party members' court of honour. It was Shapiro, who in a fit of temper, labelled B-G at one session "proto-Fascist," which earned him some kind of niche in the history books. In the second Eshkol government, formed after the 1965 elections, Shapiro joined the cabinet as justice minister, turning out to be excellent at his duties, almost lasting out Golda Meir's two governments. He quit in the wake of the Yom Kippur War, being the first to challenge Golda and Dayan on the issue of accountability for the war's initial mistakes, for which the military command paid the price.

Shapiro made up with Ben-Gurion towards the end of the Old Man's life. Indeed he was named as a trustee of B-G's estate in his will, much to many people's surprise. Today Shapiro speaks reflectively of that stormy period, when Mapai rent itself in two, paving the way for Menachem Begin's ascendancy to power.

As he put it, "The party's downfall

WE talk of what went wrong. Shapiro leans forward on his desk, as ever impeccably dressed in dark blue suit and matching tie. He ponders: "Mapai was above all the party of colonization in the broader meaning of the word. Its first task was to inculcate the value of work among the lumpenproletariat. There was always the fear that they might not stay here, but wander on to other destinations. First and foremost we had to persuade people to stay here and cherish the value of work. The party's attraction lessened with the decline in this value among the population."

Inevitably we speak of the declining quality of leadership at home and abroad. However, as he sees it from the pinnacle of years, it is only in retrospect that one discovers that time has made a giant out of a political leader. Was it then only the perspective of time that fashioned the statesman out of the politician? Shapiro ponders the notion, reminding me that "not only does the historical moment make men (into leaders) but men make history." This naturally brings us to the subject of the great leader and the great moment in time, such as Winston Churchill. "If he had not been in the right place to influence events, Britain might not have stood up to Hitler. The same happened to Ben-Gurion. After all it was he who grasped the historical moment and proclaimed Jewish national independence when his fellow leaders entertained strong doubts. The Jewish people owe to him the historical debt of having the strength of his vision of statehood." Earlier Shapiro sidestepped mention of his role in the famous "trial" of B-G, remembering rather the words of praise the Old Man had for him at the end. He concedes with some prodding that the "trial" had been a grave mistake and that Golda had used him to pursue her feud against B-G and that Eshkol had opposed the whole process.

I wonder whether it had been a

mistake for the party to have kept Begin at arm's length all those years. Perhaps, I say. Ben-Gurion and his comrades might have not had to make all those concessions to the religious parties. Firstly, the former party coalition negotiator reminds me, the religious politicians were of a better calibre in those days. He speaks of the late Rabbi Fishman (Maimon), the Mizrahi leader, with profound respect, noting that he was a deeply learned rabbinical scholar and enlightened religious leader.

SHAPIRO says that Menachem Begin's behaviour as premier, and especially his unexplained departure

from office, justified in retrospect the line taken by Ben-Gurion towards the Herut leader. Shapiro seems to lose his composure when contemplating Begin's "desertion of the field." "He led the country into the Lebanon misadventure. It resulted in the denting of the deterrent image of an undefeated IDF aside from the casualties. And then he simply deserts the premiership without giving a proper explanation to the nation! By what right does he take refuge in his Jerusalem flat and not make an account of his stewardship to the country?"

He will not have Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir mentioned in the same

breath. "They were not in the same street," he observes delicately. To his mind "Golda's main mistake was to blindly follow Dayan. Dayan was a major figure - I don't wish to belittle him in any way, but the trouble was that as defence minister he lacked a real *ba'al bayit* (someone in charge)." (These observations should cause the revision of recent history in some circles, was the thought that flashed through my mind.)

Shapiro has buried all the old factional enmities and speaks warmly of Premier Shimon Peres. "Of course, he's no Ben-Gurion, but then he never pretends to be. He is

certainly not a fool, and is doing well under the circumstances."

We flash back across the years: "The big question is still what might have happened to the movement had Berl (Katznelson) not died so young. He was the greatest of them all... The same goes for Haim Arlosoroff. Who knows what might have happened if he hadn't been assassinated? You know, in those days Ben-Gurion wasn't the great Ben-Gurion that we came to know in later years."

"Memoirs? I haven't the inclination to write them. You know I hardly have the energy to read all the newspapers. But I still enjoy reading the Russian classics."

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Reagan vows to hit back, defend U.S.

By WOLF BLITZER / Washington

THE GOVERNMENT crisis in Jerusalem caused hardly a ripple in Washington, where senior U.S. officials were busy with the latest wave of international terrorism aimed against the United States and what to do about it.

This was vividly underscored Wednesday evening at President Ronald Reagan's nationally televised White House news conference. There was not one question about the Israeli political crisis, which was buried on inside pages in the major U.S. dailies and largely ignored on TV and radio.

The main subject that came up at the news conference was, of course, Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi's support for international terrorism and his suspected involvement in the recent TWA airliner and Berlin disco bombings. Reporter after reporter tried to get the president to say exactly what the U.S. planned next in the mounting confrontation with Libya, but he was deliberately vague and cautious.

"We're going to defend ourselves and we're certainly going to take action in the face of specific terrorist threats," he said, but declined to say what exactly the U.S. had in mind.

Earlier in the day, on the other hand, senior officials continued to warn of yet more direct military action against Libya. U.S. ships and fighter planes are still poised off the Libyan coast. Contingency plans have clearly been drawn up for bombing selected Libyan military targets. And as the evidence mounted that Libya was directly involved in the Berlin bombing, it began to seem increasingly likely that America's get-tough rhetoric was going to be followed by action.

The president said that U.S. intelligence has "considerable evidence" of Gaddafi's role in plotting terror against America. He refused to give details, warning that to do so might compromise America's intelligence sources. But he declared that there was "no question" that Gaddafi has "singled us out for attack."

He also firmly restated the administration's long-standing policy of military retaliation once the actual people responsible for the terrorist action are found. These words have been uttered before and nothing much has followed. But this time, there is a growing sense in Washington that the Reagan administration is truly fed up and is indeed prepared to take direct "Israeli-style" military action. The American public and Congress appear ready to go along with such a policy.

Asked about Syria's role in all this terrorism, Reagan replied: "We'll go wherever the finger points. So far, the leads have not gone in that direction in some of the more recent events."

THE PRESIDENT'S news conference followed major pronouncements on the subject of fighting terrorism by other senior administration policymakers. One of the more important was by William Casey, the director of the CIA, whose public appearances are rare.

Last Sunday, he addressed the annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). To an audience of about 1,500 in the main ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel, Casey placed the issue of terrorism aimed against the U.S. within a broader picture — one involving the Soviet Union.

He argued that "an ever more aggressive Soviet involvement," coupled with "a growing danger from radical and violent groups" operating in the region, was part of a plan to tilt the Middle East strategic balance against the West. These bridgeheads are very real and are not static. They have a purpose: they are located near strategic choke points in the world sea lanes, or in areas of high tension and potential conflict. They are being used to spread subversion and terror and spawn new bridgeheads in neighboring countries.

Syria, Libya and Iran, he said, have discovered that they have in terrorism "a new low cost, low risk method of attacking democratic governments... Terrorism is today an integral part of the foreign policy of the defense apparatus of these states."

Casey noted that the U.S. and Israel have "a shared vital interest in arresting this pattern of Soviet and radical expansionism." In the last few years, "the United States has strengthened and invigorated its strategic partnership with Israel." He referred to recent remarks by Secretary of State George Shultz showing that this strategic cooperation has become "a formal institutional process." This "institutionalization," he said, "has included, and features, enhanced cooperation in our intelligence exchanges with Mossad." This was particularly true in the area of counter-terrorism.

AIPAC's executive director, Tom Dine, went one step further in his remarks before the convention. He spoke of a "revolution" in U.S.-Israeli relations over the past few years — and not only in combating terrorism.

"The old order in which Israel was regarded as a liability, a hindrance to (Continued on Page 7, Col. 7)

Battling terrorism

The Jerusalem Post takes a look at a world forced to gear up against a growing and lethal threat.



Political moves called key to success

By BARBARA AMOUYAL

"EXTREMISM breeds extremism — and terrorism is the natural result," Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev told *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview earlier this week. Bar-Lev was referring to the escalation in terrorist activity both here and abroad, as well as the "distressing new discovery" that Israeli Arabs may have been responsible for several unsolved murders of IDF soldiers since 1983.

"It's not a question of an iron fist policy, but one of a wise head," said Bar-Lev when asked about how he thought terror can be checked. "The only way to deal with terrorism — whether it be terrorist-motivated murder within the Green Line or Libyan and Syrian-inspired strikes on foreign targets — is through political inroads."

Bar-Lev, former Chief of General Staff, differs from most men who've spent nearly a lifetime in uniform. He takes a particularly dovish stance in dealing with the enemy. Speaking from his fourth-floor office in the Sheikh Jarrah government complex in Jerusalem, Bar-Lev vehemently insisted that "the iron fist" military approach to countering terrorism is fatally flawed.

"Military action may achieve temporary reprieves but, as the Lebanon War proved, this is not the answer," he said.

BAR-LEV'S dissatisfaction with the national unity government rings loud and clear. He directly links a 13 per cent rise in terrorist acts within Israel (up from 60,000 in 1984 to

68,000 in 1985) to what he calls "a stagnant government unwilling or unable to pursue the path towards negotiable peace."

Bar-Lev concedes that the rise in terrorist acts and an 11.7 per cent rise in nationally-inspired murder warrant concern. He isn't sure, however, if stepped up police moves can influence the trend toward terrorism.

"Police can work to prevent property theft and drug crimes, but the security system is charged with preventing instances of hidden explosive devices or terrorist murders. In these cases, police can only go to work after the fact," said Bar-Lev, somewhat defensively.

As police minister, Bar-Lev receives daily briefings from Inspector General David Kraus on on-going investigations into terrorist-motivated crimes. As cabinet minister and Prime Minister Peres's original choice for defense minister before the celebrated "shalom bayit" between Peres and Yitzhak Rabin, Bar-Lev is privy to military and security moves to combat terrorism. The former secretary-general of the Labour Party is also influential in determining party platform.

ACCORDING to Bar-Lev, as long as the Palestinian problem remains unsolved, the threat of terrorism will continue to stalk us. "Every year, the problem becomes more acute because frustration is compounded with anger and eventually even the most moderate on both sides fall prey to extremism," he said.

Bar-Lev admits that "not enough is being done" to choke off the supply of stolen IDF weapons to Israeli-based terrorist groups. Police suspect IDF soldiers Moshe Tamam and David Manos — and possibly Akiva Shaltiel and David Bukra — were killed with IDF-issue guns that fell into the wrong hands.

"I have discussed the problem many times with Defence Minister Rabin and Kraus has met with Rabin's men to draw up plans to tighten control over IDF equipment," said Bar-Lev. "A committee established by Rabin is expected to submit its findings into stolen IDF weapons by the end of this month."

Bar-Lev refutes recent reports that Israeli Arabs arrested in the Moshe Tamam murder case were drafted into George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine terrorist group. He believes the Israelis, from two northern villages near Haifa, were chosen by the mainstream PLO to commit acts of terror within the Green Line.

"The specific group is not relevant in this case," said Bar-Lev. "What matters is the marginal phenomenon of disloyalty to the state by Israeli Arabs."

Bar-Lev stresses the word marginal when referring to Israeli terrorists. His dovish line is crystal clear. "If all comes back to extremism. If we treat our Israeli Arabs like human beings and if we work to wipe out some of their frustrations, these people won't be tempted into enemy hands," he said.

UK actions cut attacks

By JERRY LEWIS / London

BRITAIN, like so many European nations, is no longer a stranger to terrorism. Its Northern Ireland conflict has brought the realities of death and maiming to the attention of a public used to associating the problem with events in some far off land and observed as items in a news report.

However, an increasing number of terrorist incidents during the late Seventies and early Eighties, mainly on the capital's streets, spurred the government into taking the initiative at international consultations; especially when ministers realized that a growing number of the attacks here reflected conflicts abroad rather than that of Ireland.

The Home Office is reluctant to categorize terrorist incidents according to international conflict. Its statistics list just those related to Northern Ireland and count the balance under the heading, "Others." Nationally reported incidents based on the Northern Ireland problem reached a peak of eight in 1981. Since then Home Office records have shown a marked fall to an average of just two a year.

But the "Others" category has revealed, with just one exception, an increasing level of internationally based terrorism on British streets. Two incidents were registered in 1981, both Arab related, and in 1982 there were three (two of which were linked with the Middle East); including the attempted assassination of Israeli Ambassador Shlomo Argov.

1983 was the exception. The Home Office recorded no "Other" category incidents, but the following year more than made up for it. A TOTAL of nine terrorist incidents were registered, at least five of which were identified with the Middle East. They included the Libyan Embassy siege, which led to the breaking of diplomatic relations with the Gaddafi regime and prompted the government to initiate intensive discussions with like-minded countries to increase cooperation and coordination at all levels.

The benefits were clearly reflected last year, when "overseas" related incidents fell to five, one of which involved the Syrian Embassy. However, the Home Office has refused to give details of two of the other recorded incidents which occurred last year.

Scotland Yard statistics, which are applicable only to the area of its responsibility, London, confirm recent trends. Bombs detonated and discovered averaged 15 a year from 1980 and peaked at 36 in 1983, declining since then to an average of just eight incidents a year.

The numbers of killed and wounded on London's streets similarly has reflected the declining success rate of the terrorists. Five were killed and 44 wounded in 1981, 11 killed and 62 wounded in 1982, six killed and 103 wounded in 1983 and since then two killed and 61 wounded during 1984 and one killed and two wounded last year.

A Scotland Yard spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that the marked improvement was principally due to increased intelligence gathering and better cooperation between police forces, both nationally and internationally.

BRITISH POLICY on terrorism has been sharpened by experience. While standard Foreign Office "condemnations" were very much the style a few years back, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's own personal distaste of terrorism has taken an increasingly stronger line taken at all international forums in which Britain has participated.

She and some of her cabinet colleagues had a narrow escape from IRA terrorism themselves in October 1984, during their party conference at Brighton, when the hotel they were using was bombed and partially demolished, killing five.

The then home secretary, Leon Brittan, instituted a thorough review of domestic policy, which resulted in a 10-point charter announced by his successor, Douglas Hurd (ironically the only minister who officially has

met a senior PLO member, Faruq Khaddoumi) last October.

It included a firm emphasis on international cooperation to eliminate state-sponsored or state-supported terrorism; an attempt to secure agreement so that no substantive concessions are made to terrorist demands; an end to abuses of diplomatic immunity, especially by those countries which support terrorism; tougher measures to prevent hijacking or sabotage of aircraft; the creation of an international environment in which terrorists find it difficult to operate by denying them arms and money; and finally, greater cooperation between security services.

The Foreign Office has also taken a far tougher approach, especially towards diplomats. It refused to reveal how many have been asked to leave or how many have left "voluntarily" in recent years, but "firm action" has been taken whenever the occasion has arisen, a spokesman emphasized.

WHENEVER a terrorist offence has occurred in the UK and there has been sufficient evidence admissible in court, the due process of law has been followed, as the three convicted members of Abu Nidal's team who attempted to murder Shlomo Argov found.

Their release has been repeatedly demanded by the Revolutionary Organization of Socialist Muslims, believed to be a front for Abu Nidal. They claimed responsibility for killing a British Council member in Athens in 1984, and the deputy high commissioner in Bombay last year. It is also thought they are holding Alex Collet in Lebanon. But the British government has remained adamant, there will be no release of the three convicted terrorists and no exchanges either.

Where insufficient or inadmissible evidence rules out a trial, extradition or deportation is undertaken; though a senior Whitehall source admitted that deportation as a tool against terrorism is "less than satisfactory."

Arab ambassadors (especially) have been constantly reminded of the obligations of their countries' diplomats and visiting citizens. The most recent Arab visitor, the Syrian foreign minister, was left in no doubt of Britain's abhorrence of his country's "success" for "various" terrorist groups operating from there. He was told bluntly that it "damaged" his country's reputation abroad.

BRITAIN BROKE diplomatic relations with Libya after the embassy siege here in April 1984, which left a policeman dead and her murderer (to this day unidentified) kicked out of the country, along with the rest of Gaddafi's diplomatic mission. Strict immigration controls were also introduced and many suspect Libyan "students" sent home.

But Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe still refuses to consider economic sanctions, despite repeated requests from the U.S. "Our experience with economic sanctions in the past has not persuaded us that they are likely to be an effective response to states that are alleged to be harbouring or sponsoring international terrorists," he told a questioner in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

SHORTLY AFTER the Libyan Embassy siege, Britain took the lead at the economic summit held here, where a declaration on international terrorism spelled out the intensified measures to be considered for early implementation. Britain also played a major part in ensuring that the European Economic Community adopted proposals for a greater exchange of information last July.

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Berlin: Terror with international dimensions

By WLADIMIR STRUMINSKY / Bonn

IN WEST BERLIN, terrorism is truly international. The bomb attack against the disco club "La Belle" was directed against Americans in a partitioned city which formally is controlled by the Americans, the British, French and the Soviets. The attack was carried out — unless everybody is mistaken — under the direction of the Libyan Embassy (people's office) in communist-ruled East Germany. In the tightly-knit fabric of a totalitarian regime, it is unlikely that the East Germans — and in the final analysis the Soviets, too — had no knowledge of the activities in which the Libyans indulge, even though East Germany has condemned the bombing. The disco blast killed a U.S. soldier, a Turkish woman, and wounded some 200 people, most of them Germans and Americans.

Since the attack, a West German government can be seen maneuvering between the need to cooperate with an angry U.S. administration and its fear of provoking the anger of Libya's ruler Muammar Gaddafi.

In political terms, the major question is that of possible German sanctions against Libya. The Americans demand them. The Germans, on the other hand, are trying to give in as

little as possible to what they see as massive U.S. pressure. Up to now, the result has been the expulsion of two Libyan diplomats from Bonn, announced on Thursday, and much German resentment against Washington.

The diplomats' expulsion is an example of the West German government trying, even now, to be everybody's darling. It is no secret that the expulsion was ordered to satisfy at least some of the very persistent American pressure on Bonn, and to avoid the political need for harsher measures. Still, the German government spokesman stubbornly claimed at a press conference that the expulsion had nothing to do with the Berlin attack or with American demands, either. This seems to be much less than the full truth.

AS FAR AS economic sanctions are concerned, the German government has consistently refused to take such a step against any country. The Germans claim that economic sanctions do not affect the target country, while hurting the boycotting country itself, whose market shares are snatched by others.

West Germans are great proponents of free trade, and need free

trade for their export-intensive economy. It is also true that sanctions may hurt the boycotting, rather than the boycotted, economy. However, the main purpose of anti-Libyan sanctions could well be political rather than economic. "In order to fight terrorism, you have to sharpen the public consciousness. This is a slow process. Economic sanctions could serve this purpose quite well", a German source said.

For the German government, however, the question seems to be what to do next, once the public is geared for the fight against Libyan-induced terrorism.

"We have a few thousand Germans in Libya and no possibility to retaliate militarily if they are harmed", the source went on. "The Americans can attack Libya, shell it, or stage other military actions. We can do absolutely nothing. If Gaddafi says he will shoot 50 Germans every three hours, there would be nothing we could do."

Obviously, German sanctions also might provoke massive Libyan terrorist attacks against Germans — not just Americans — inside Germany. To say that in public would be to admit that Germany considers itself to be at Gaddafi's mercy.

TWO QUESTIONS emerge: Is Germany prepared to pay a heavy price for opposing Libya and what

weapons does it have if it decides to risk the fight? Sanctions provide no sufficient answer to state-induced terrorism. The German readiness to suffer at terrorist hands will increase as the political cost of avoiding action grows.

It is, therefore, significant to note that the political cost of the Berlin attack for Germany is quite steep. There was Libyan terrorism on German soil before. Last year, and in 1980, killers dispatched by the Libyan regime murdered two Libyan dissidents in Germany. Also, there was much anti-American terrorism by German Red Army Faction terrorists.

This time, however, the Americans see themselves as victims of their arch-enemy, Gaddafi, in a country which likes to think of itself as America's best ally in Europe. The spectre of Americans packing their bags may be not yet real, but in West Germany, it always is on the horizon. Thus, Chancellor Helmut Kohl declared on Thursday: "We will not let our American friends be bombed out or terrorized out" of Germany.

The fear of tarnishing its image as a reliable ally was instrumental in the little action that Germany has taken since the Berlin attack: setting up a foreign ministry committee to examine evidence of Libyan involvement in the bombing and the expulsion of Libyan diplomats. According to some reports, both steps had been recommended by the U.S.

THE OTHER question, that of Germany's capability to wage an effective war against international terrorism, is a difficult one. In Germany, legislation on internal security has just been tightened to enable closer supervision of the population. The police and the secret service are to have easier access to citizens' personal data and wider rights to store the data and exchange information among the various security agencies.

Conservative circles have started demanding more control after the Berlin attack, too, but international terrorism will not be easily countered by German law. International cooperation would seem more effective. Indeed, after every terrorist attack, there has been much fault of the need for closer cooperation between governments. All major Western countries are reported to have increased personnel and financial resources dedicated to fighting terrorism. The cooperation among intelligence services and police forces of different countries has been intensified, but this has not prevented terrorist attacks and will not eliminate them in the future.

THE SOVIET Union has been a major supporter of international terrorism. East Germany has also been instrumental in assisting the PLO. The Bonn government spokesman, Friedrich Oet, claimed that there is cooperation with East Germany, and with "governments in the West and in the East" to prevent terrorism, but it is clear that attacks such as that in West Berlin are not incompatible with Soviet efforts to introduce an element of instability into Western countries and into the NATO alliance. Getting real anti-terror cooperation from the communists will be a tough job.

German politicians have repeatedly called for more cooperation with Arab countries in stopping terrorism. Countries such as Egypt have engaged in such cooperation. Joint efforts with Libya, or Syria, to prevent terrorism is, of course, absurd. The most the West could hope for is to strike a deal with the terror-sheltering states. However, European states like Italy and France have sought — not without temporary success — protection from terrorism by means of separate agreements with terrorist states and organizations in the Arab world.

IF THE Germans refuse to take a firm stand against Libya, it is also for fear of being left out in the cold by its European allies — and Bonn should know how reliable, or unreliable, its friends are.

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America's relationship with the Arab world, a loud and naughty child — that order has crumbled," he said. "In its place, a new relationship is being built, one in which Israel is treated as, and acts as, an ally, not just a friend, an asset rather than a liability, a mature and capable partner, not some vassal state."

Dine quoted Shultz, whom he has met for discussions several times recently, as having said that the point of strategic cooperation is "to build institutional arrangements so that eight years from now, if there is a secretary of state who is not positive about Israel, he will not be able to overcome the bureaucratic relationship between Israel and the United States that we have established."

Dine then added: "We are in the middle of a revolution in the area of strategic cooperation, and this president and this secretary of state are going to leave a legacy that will be important to Israel's security for decades to come."

ISRAEL'S two top diplomats in the U.S. also addressed the Aipac gathering. Ambassador Meir Rosenne, in an emotional speech, recalled Israel's own painful history, including such events as the 1972 Munich Olympic slaughter and the attempted assassination of former ambassador in London, Shlomo Argov, a decade later.

His voice choking with emotion, Rosenne noted that Argov is now paralysed, "doomed to spend the rest of his life in a wheel-chair in Jerusalem. We who meet here, at an Aipac conference, have a solemn moral obligation to remember the fate of Shlomo Argov and all the other victims, to let that memory and those images spur us on to determined and vigorous efforts to battle terrorism to the end."

In short, the American focus on terrorism is automatically strengthening the U.S.-Israeli relationship. This was very much evident in Washington this week and will almost certainly continue, irrespective of the outcome of the latest political crisis in Jerusalem.

Canada security forces and El Al team up against airport attacks

By BEN KAYFETZ/Toronto

EL AL inaugurated its service to Toronto on March 31 amid the tightest security precautions ever taken at a Canadian airport, much of it sensed rather than seen. Several hundred passengers lined up three hours before take-off time for the direct flight to Tel Aviv to undergo the meticulous baggage and body

searches that have made El Al the acknowledged leader in security measures among the world's airlines.

Two armed Royal Canadian mounted police officers watched the lengthy procedure. But there were many non-uniformed security personnel on hand, both Canadian and El Al's armed guards in plainclothes.

Neither El Al nor the Canadian authorities would confirm rumours that nine guards, armed with Uzi sub-machineguns, were stationed at the ramps and on the runway. The Toronto Star reported that an explosive-sniffing dog was walked along the line of 400 departing passengers waiting to pass through X-ray detectors.

The threat of airport terrorism is real to Canadians. The Air-India flight which blew up over the Atlan-

tic last summer originated in Canada and most of the victims were Canadian nationals.

El Al has been flying to Mirabel Airport, near Montreal, for 10 years. It now has a second Canadian terminal at Lester B. Pearson International Airport which serves Toronto. By agreement with the Canadian Ministry of Transport, the Israeli national airline will share responsibility with Canadian police on its twice-weekly flights.

Because El Al is a prime target of Arab terrorists, the airport unions representing baggage handlers, machinists and ticket agents had to be satisfied that security would be adequate. Airport employees interviewed by the media said they had confidence in El Al's ability to forestall terrorist acts. But one ticket agent expressed concern that Canadian security guards were so bored they didn't pay attention to baggage checks.

An organizer of a Christian pil-

grimage group said he had seen Israeli guards take a spare pair of shoes out of a passenger's luggage to check the toes. Passengers are questioned closely as to whether anyone else might have had access to their baggage.

The El Al Boeing 747 which made the first flight from Toronto carried 300 members of the Independent Grocers Association and Food City supermarket managers and their families who were flying to Israel under a sales incentive plan. JTA

Judgment marks court innovation

By ALLANE E. SHAPIRO

THE JUDGMENT of Supreme Court Justice Menahem Elon, Israel's leading academic authority on Hebrew law, in the Kach — Progressive List election case, signals a major innovation, so far little noticed, in constitutional adjudication in Israel. It is a change, in method, more than in content, with implications that far transcend the immediate issues before the court in that landmark litigation.

Justice Elon's innovation involves the use of a novel and powerful tool in the hands of the judiciary, an increment in judicial discretion and authority, whose practical consequences for the constitutional system of Israel are likely to be far-reaching.

In the election case, Justice Elon, derives principles constitutional in scope from the 1980 law that severed Israel's umbilical cord with British precedent. According to that statute, the "foundations of law" in Israel (as the law is entitled) are "the principles of freedom, justice, equity, and peace of Israel's heritage." Until the enactment of that law, Elon notes, the court had relied, as a guide to interpretation, on the Declaration of Independence, a document without explicit authority as a legal norm to be applied by the court, particularly on its hortatory proclamation that "the State of Israel... will be based on the foundations of freedom, justice, and peace, in the light of the vision of the prophets of Israel."

With the enactment of the Foundations of Law statute by the Knesset, at the initiative of then justice minister Shmuel Tamir, the aspirations of the Declaration of Independence changed, in the words of Justice Elon, from "guiding principles" to "principles with legal authority, which serve as the foundation and as basic principles of the entire legal system of the state."

The 1980 law was vigorously opposed at the time of its enactment as a step in the direction of theocracy, with Jewish religious law, *Halacha*, endorsed as the ruling factor in the pyramid of legal norms. Some feared that the constitutive proclivities of Israel's clerical establishment would infiltrate, if not dominate, the very fortress of freedom and the rule of law, the judiciary.

Critics generally overlooked the many contradictions and varying interpretations within the general corpus of Jewish law. At Bar-Ilan University, rabbinical *responsa* have been computerized. A researcher can feed the computer a *halachic* query and obtain a print-out of the rabbinical answers in all times and places. Wages have it that the computer can be used in another way: feed the computer both the question and the desired answer. Then the computer pops up with the name of the rabbi that it pays to ask.

Justice Elon uses "Israel's heritage" in the election case to achieve two objectives. First, he provides a *halachic* basis for the principle of freedom of expression. In the absence of a bill of rights, this is the first time that this essential right has been given an explicit statutory foundation in Israel.

Secondly, he examines the platform of Kahane's Kach party, which he finds, on the basis of *Halacha*,

pursuant to the statutory prescription of the Foundations of Law statute, to be diametrically opposed to the world view of Judaism, its laws, its history, and its aspirations.

Besides disregarding the ambiguities in Jewish law, critics of the 1980 legislation often overlooked the fact that the "foundations of law" are not limited to Jewish religious law, *Halacha*, but comprise, in the language of the statute, "Israel's heritage," of which *Halacha* is only one part.

THE 1980 law is such a powerful tool in the hands of the court precisely because of the ambiguity of its formulation. One can find in "the principles of freedom, justice, equity, and peace of Israel's heritage" whatever one seeks.

Jurists are notoriously adept at finding authority for their personal predilections in far less flexible sources. Supreme Court President Yitzhak Olshan, writing when English precedent was still dominant ("On the Supreme Court," *Mishpatim*, vol. 1, 1969) declared that "in a system based on adjudication, it is generally possible to find sources that provide a foundation for deviation, for the determination of an exception, or for distinguishing the instant case from the general rule." If that can be done within the framework of precedent, imagine the possibilities that "Israel's heritage" provides for judicial creativity.

There is a rough parallel to the concept of "due process" in the American constitutional system. While due process is procedural in derivation, it has been endowed over time with substantive content of varying ideological orientation. In the early decades of this century, due process was the legalistic talisman that nullified progressive legislation protecting workers' rights, a use that Ben-Gurion cited in his opposition to the adoption of a written constitution in Israel. More recently, due process has been the constitutional basis for social reform, from the dismantling of racial discrimination to the liberalization of abortion. At all times, its use has depended on the values espoused by the court's majority.

"Israel's heritage" promises to serve as a similar legal device, vastly expanding the range of discretionary options open to the court in Israel. True, Justice Elon stopped short of denying Kach access to the ballot, in the absence of explicit statutory authority.

The unanimity of the court in the election case was the product of two opposing tendencies. On the one hand, the judicially modest, such as Elon and the Deputy President, Justice Miriam Ben-Porat, were not prepared to use judicial authority in the absence of legislative sanction to achieve what they regarded as the desired result — banning of Kach. On the other hand, the court's judicial activists, such as Justice Aharon Barak, who would be inclined to find the necessary legislative "ambiguity" to provide for result-oriented judicial creativity, did not believe that banning Kach was the right way to stop Kahane.

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ONE OF the crosses - I beg your pardon, Magen Davids - that I have to bear is that I am very unpopular because I am nearly always right. It is not often that I go wrong about anything, and even less often do I admit openly that I was wrong.

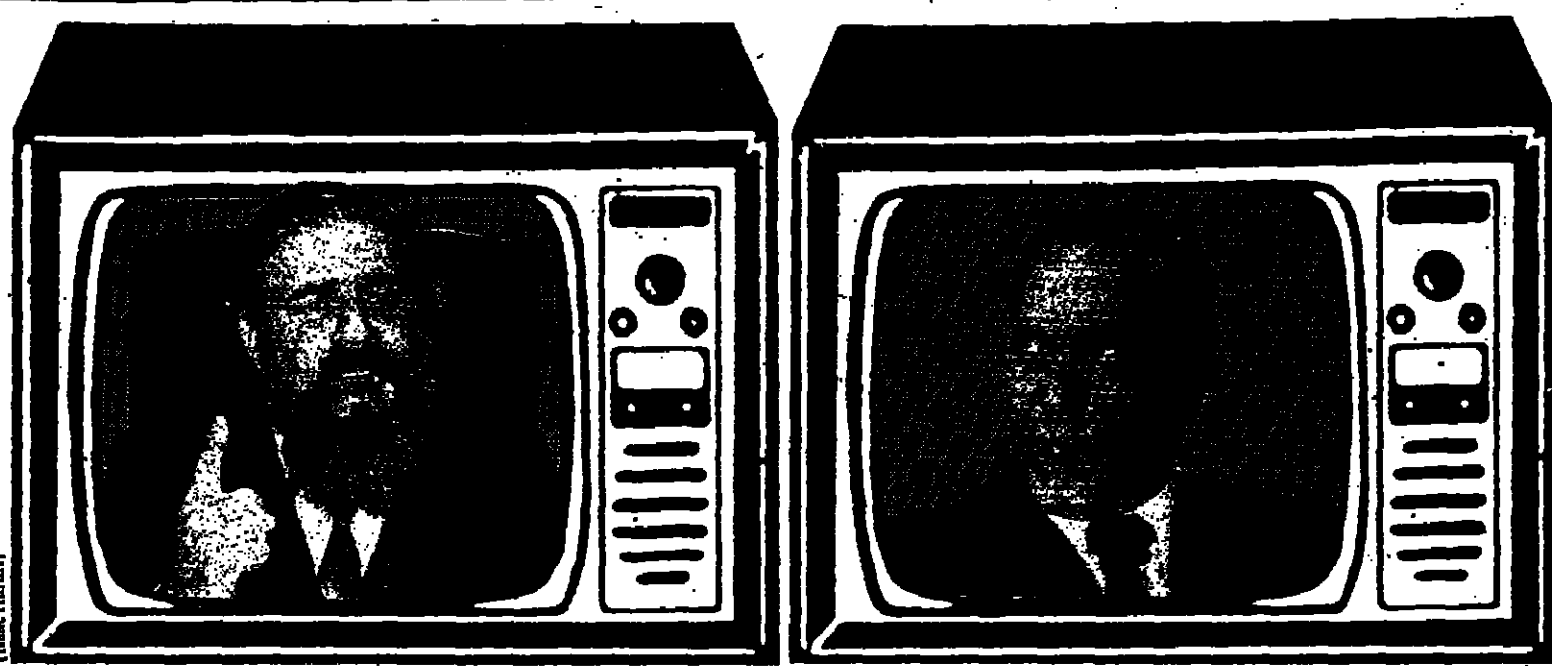
But I now have no alternative but to do so. Some time ago, misled by his ancient Assyrian beard, his soft voice, his ready smile and his apparent courtesy, I angered many readers by expressing the idiotic view that the Minister of Interior, Yitzhak Peretz, had an attractive TV personality when he appeared on Mabab and other programmes, despite my reservations about his opinions.

I was wrong, dead wrong. He appeared twice on TV within the last week to defend his obdurate defence of the entire public of Israel, both secular and Orthodox, apart from a far-out fringe, on the issue of summer time. He came across the air waves on both occasions as a man who was pompous, vain, narrow-minded, incompetent, and, above all, a prevaricator not prepared to give honest answers. He did not even pretend to listen to questions, just replied with a handful of tired old clichés instead of thoughts. Not a very attractive image.

The most amazing thing about his defence of his views is that it was manifest that he had not bothered to read a single word in the report prepared for him by the seven presumably wise men whom he had appointed as a commission, let alone any of the relevant research papers prepared by scientists. Perhaps he was scared that if he had done so, he might have changed his mind.

During one of these appearances on Mabab, his interlocutor, who had done his homework very well, quoted chapter and verse from the commission's report and the scientific reports, which he held in his hands. Peretz brushed aside the written words, he answered that the man who could have exercised a casting vote but had abstained, had visited him in his office and had told him over a cuppa tea that he had acted as he had done because he could not bear the pressure from the media.

Peretz's only answer to all the research about the decline in fatal accidents through summer time in 1984 and 1985 was to assert that nobody valued the saving of human life more than he did. This time around he did not dare to quote even that mysterious German report he once cited to justify his actions. If it is true that he values life so much, why is he not worried about the people who will die during the next two years if he has his obdurate way? Perhaps he suspects that those victims will all be people who do not



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observe the Sabbath, and so deserve to die - remember his comments on the Petah Tikva children who perished in the train level-crossing disaster?

He just ignored completely the reports on the savings in energy and the increase in productivity, as well as the letter sent to him by the professors of Bar-Ilan University. To only one question did we get a straight answer - why had the NRP turned against him. He said that this was a terrible thing the NRP had done because of the diabolical Zevulun Hammer, acting without Dr. Burg.

I have tried hard to find out from my Orthodox friends what is the halachic objection to summer time. One answer, that an Orthodox person cannot pray early in the morning according to when dawn really occurs and then get to work on schedule according to artificial summer time, is beyond my comprehension. I can see that it means he has to hurry, but that is not so terrible. What happens to him in winter? Why do so many Orthodox people, like members of the NRP and the Bar-Ilan professors, think that they can cope?

The other argument is that summer time will lead to more Sabbath-breaking. I do not see that either. Even according to the ordinary clock, entertainments and transport start while there is still light on Saturdays.

Macanlay wrote that the Puritans

hated bear-baiting, not because it gave pain to the bear, but because it gave pleasure to the spectators. I suspect that the only real reason for Peretz's detestation of summer time is that it would add to the enjoyment of life for so many hundreds of thousands of Israelis, secular and Orthodox alike. Ergo, according to his philosophy, it must be a bad and sinful thing.

IF WE had a normal political system, the fact that we have such a fanatic in our midst would not matter overmuch. Every democratic society has its outlandish elements, and they often add colour and diversity to life. In a nation of immigrants with so many backgrounds, it is inevitable that some of us should seem to be very strange, even abnormal. It would be absurd to expect everybody to be as sane, rational and broad-minded as I am. We are all Jews together, but within that unity, we vary like faces in a crowd.

The problem is that a quirk of our political system places such enormous power in the hands of Peretz. He has Prime Minister Shimon Peres begging him for a kindly word - and, more important, a vote - like Bill Sikes's dog trying to please his savage master.

I have written before that Peres is

adopting the policy of Henry of Navarre, who converted to Catholicism to consolidate his position as monarch of France with the light-hearted witicism, "Paris is worth a mass." Peres obviously thinks that being master in Jerusalem is worth giving in to Peretz about such matters as the Haifa cableway, Saturday soccer, the Jerusalem stadium, the Ethiopian Jews' right to be Jews without immersion, and complete control of our personal lives.

In trying to make a deal with the Orthodox politicians on the basis of the Labour Party giving in to them on these matters so as to enable Labour to control security, foreign policy and the economy, Peres doubtless thinks that he is only doing exactly what his mighty mentor, David Ben-Gurion, did, when he made the original agreement with Rabbi Meir that landed us in such an awful mess.

But the position is very different now from that which existed in Ben-Gurion's day. Up till 1967, Orthodox politicians observed their side of the bargain: as long as things they cherished were scrupulously honoured and financially supported, they did not meddle in the fields of activity BG considered to be the preserve of the Labour Party.

The Six Day War, bringing Israel

control of Jerusalem, Hebron and Bethlehem, struck Orthodox Jews, particularly the young, as a miracle. Domination of the West Bank inspired them far more than it did the Jews who thought like Ben-Gurion. As a result, Orthodox leaders suddenly began to interfere in security and foreign policy. Their attitudes brought them closer to the xenophobia of the right than to the sweet reason of the left.

So Peres has to ask himself whether the price for Peretz's votes - turning Israel into a theocratic ghetto - is not too high to pay. I suspect that many of Peres's most devoted followers, who were delighted to see him head the riot act to Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, think that he has gone far too soft in his handling of Peretz.

TALKING ABOUT TV images and Moda'i, we witnessed an astonishing change in the Finance Minister almost overnight, from one Mabab programme to the next. He reminded me of a great Shakespearean actor, who can pay Coriolanus one night, Malvolio the next, with equal virtuosity.

Only a week ago he looked like Monty Woolley acting Sheridan Whiteside - i.e. Alexander Woolcott - in that classic comedy, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. Seldom have we seen such overbearing arrogance or heard such caustic wit as he displayed while flaying the absent premier.

The next time we saw him he looked like somebody who had prepared himself to get tapped on the head by means of one of those plastic hammers used by idiots on the eve of Independence Day, which exasperate but do not hurt, and who is instead suddenly subjected to a terrific attack with a sledgehammer. Never have I seen a man turn so fast from a swaggering bully to a man dejected and wretched.

Perhaps he had been misled by all the flattering bilge talked by MK Sara Doron about his having brought off the economic miracle all on his own. She may have made him think that he was really responsible for getting the entire country to accept the cuts in standards of living needed to pay the price for the sailor's seven-year-long night out on the tiles we enjoyed under the Likud government. Getting the economic programme through was, of course, all Peres's doing, assisted by the Histadrut secretary general, Moda'i should have listened to the sage words of one of his predecessors, Minister Yigael Hurvitz, who said that no finance minister had ever had the support of a prime minister in the way that Peres had supported Moda'i.

Moda'i's answer to the Peres reprimand is rather like the whine of the little boy in the nursery school, who threw a stone that knocked out another child's teeth, "I didn't do it on purpose!" Indeed, many fervent admirers of Peres have wondered whether he did not over-react to Moda'i's impertinence; after all, there is an ancient saw that sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me, which one expects to be the code of people in politics.

The soon to be ex-finance minister may contend that he merely observed the decencies of debate as practised by other members of the Likud. Did they not speak in the same fashion to their leader, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, at the Likud Convention? Did they not treat their revered founder, Menachem Begin, in the same fashion, so that in the end he declared "I can't bear it any more!", and quit public life? So what was Peres fussing about?

The answer we got from several Likud politicians on Mabab was that Peres, in his Machiavellian way, had seized on an excuse to break the rotation agreement and to bring down the coalition government. Do you know, they may even have something. But, if they are, Moda'i certainly made an ass of himself, and played right into Peres's hands, and should be kicked out for his folly.

THIS WEEK'S *Near Ones and Dear Ones* was far and away the best of the current series. Some people have objected to my praise for the Israeli comedy on the ground that the plot, use of clichés of situations and character, and that the actors ham it up too much in their search for obvious laughs.

There is some merit in these criticisms, although I still think the average episode is as good as the average episode in an American or British comedy series. And the jests, if hackneyed, are still Israeli jests, delivered in Hebrew.

Anyway, even the critics must have been delighted by this week's episode, which was really uproarious. Tuvia Tsafir, making what I hope will not prove to be a one-time appearance, turned in a superb performance as the psychiatrist who hypnotises Yehoram. The final twist to the plot was very ingenious. The future for the series looks very bright.

The other indigenous film, *Till the Very End* was very sad. Despite the fact that I found it hard to suspend disbelief in the plot, the acting and direction were so good that the film was completely convincing, just as a fairy tale can be. Chelly Goldenberg acts excellently, and looks lovely. If I may mention her beauty without offending the feminists, Amos Lavie, is also very good as the escaped convict. I hope that this is the precursor of many films to come from director Avi Hemi - although I would like him to try his hand at comedy.

In *Dempsey and Makepeace*, we had a curious variation of the old problem in all thrillers: why don't ruthless villains just shoot the heroes when they have them in their power? Instead they deal with them in complicated ways, enabling them to survive and to escape. I remember a serial featuring Houdini, the master escapee, in which the villains captured him in every episode and then spent the second half of the episode thinking of ever more ingenious methods of getting rid of him, like loading him with chains, putting him into a small box loaded with stones, and throwing him into a river. The first half of the next episode showed him escaping. And so the show went on.

In *Dempsey*, the ruthless woman, killer from the U.S., has Dempsey dead to rights. Instead of killing him, she puts him in the boot of her car. I wonder what she was planning to do with him, take him back to the States as a household pet? We will never know, because Makepeace gave her the kind of treatment that might have baffled even Houdini.

EVERYONE KNOWS that Deputy Premier Yitzhak Navon is also minister of education, but few realize that his title has the suffix "and culture."

In a way cultural affairs have always been the ministry's stepchild, with the attention paid to culture and the arts invariably hinging on the forcefulness of the official in charge. In Yigal Allon's days at the ministry, he installed Leah Porat there as the spearhead of the Palmach old boy (and girl) network. She was as tough in ruling her domain as Golda Meir was in running her governments.

Porat remained in office until her death, with neither of Allon's successors, Labour's Aharon Yadin and Menachem Begin's NRP education minister, Zevulun Hammer, daring to move her. With the years she became increasingly despotic, hence her nickname, "The Israeli Furze." After the long-lasting Soviet culture commissar.

Admittedly she left behind things

that resound to her credit, like the key appointment of Yossi Frost, the able director of Omanut La'am (Art for the People), which fosters appreciation of the performing arts among as broad an audience as possible. But, there are the too many wrecked and stunted careers of Porat's victims. One of her prime contributions was promoting the cynicism that still dominates the Israeli cultural scene.

Another Porat inheritance: over-expanded and over-staffed institutions on the verge of insolvency. Her successor as Cultural Division head, Avner Shalev, was rushed to the rescue by then Minister Zevulun Hammer. Shalev talks of "the quiet revolution" he launched in 1980, bringing 200 artistic institutions, including the Habimah theatre, back from the brink of bankruptcy.

Who runs Israeli culture?

MARK SEGAL

Shalev, now 46, had caught Hammer's eye while serving (with the rank of brigadier-general) as IDF chief education officer. He praises the NRP minister "for not having allowed politicians to meddle" in the institutions benefiting from government funds. He also lauds Navon for his lively encouragement and strenuous efforts to increase state grants to the arts. Shalev declines to be drawn by my question on the present nadir in government funding - from \$22m. for the arts in 1984 under Hammer to \$13m. under Navon.

"Culture is like a living tree. If you don't nurture it or carelessly lop off branches, it can wither away," Shalev says earnestly. It takes years for a serious cultural institution to be able to stand on its own feet, he says, noting the trials and tribulations of valuable projects like the Haifa Orchestra. "Why shouldn't its players get a decent living wage? Or the Israel Ballet?"

Israelis have a tremendous appetite for culture, he says, noting two figures. In 1984, 2.7 million visitors passed through the turnstiles of Israel's museums. Even in view of the number of tourists, that was a world record. And in 1984 alone some 1.2 million tickets were sold at the five recognized repertory companies (in Tel Aviv, Habimah and the Cameri; in Jerusalem, the Khan, plus the Haifa and Beersheba Theatres).

Shalev does not pick up on my mention that sometimes more quantity can mean less quality. He deplored the lack of funds to foster new playwrights, coming out strongly for "relevant" plays, even though they may annoy audiences.

SHALEV SAID that then minister Aharon Yadin made a mistake au-

thorizing Baroness Bethsebe de Rothschild to set up the Bat-Dor company installing her friend Jeanette Orman, at its head (after the entire ballet corps of Bat-Sheva rose up against her). Shalev has done his utmost to resist pressure to funnel public funding to Bat-Dor, which lacks public supervision and is over-staffed.

"I make no secret of my view that Israel is too small to support two permanent modern dance companies," the cultural official says. Nor does he hide his view that some kind of merger is inevitable at some future date.

In the view of most Israeli dancers, much praise is deserved by Bill Strum, who as the hard-working unpaid general manager of Batsheba company has almost single-handedly kept the company going. The fact that Bat-Dor's notepaper also bears the name of Bat-Sheva must confuse well-wishers who might wish materially to support the more veteran but less financially fortunate dance troupe.

Avner Shalev feels that while some help, though inadequate, is extended to performing artists, almost nothing is extended to the creative artist in this country. This expression of concern does not exactly gibe with last week's criticism of him by the Israel Writers Association for his absence from the inter-departmental committee formed by Premier Peres to consider ways of ameliorating the lot of writers.

The Cultural Division he runs has a total of 17 people who are responsible for 250 cultural institutions. Doesn't such a set-up overstrain the system? Shalev, for example, besides being cultural division chief, is chairman of the Public Council for Culture and the Arts. He sits on the

management board of the Israel Museum, the Israel Festival and the Arthur Rubinstein Music Society, to mention three of many. Some people argue it would be a far healthier situation if there were a separation of functions between those providing funds and those receiving them. Conflicts of interest must arise of necessity.

As for the issue of cynicism, Shalev says, "I did not come from any clique," but this reporter has heard complaints that he has created his own. Oded Feldman, who served in the same army unit as Shalev is the new manager of the Cameri, and Yishai Amrami, director of the Jerusalem Theatre, was Shalev's trusted deputy when the former was the IDF's chief education officer. This is not to say that Amrami lacks qualifications, but shouldn't such an appointment be above question?

A controversial appointment heatedly defended by Shalev is his installing Reuven Bilu as director of the Beit Zvi drama school, despite his abrasive record as director of the Beersheba Theatre, where he earned the nickname "Idi Amin." Shalev says he made the right decision, regardless of the recent blow-up in which the school's second year students quit en masse and returned only after prolonged negotiations.

VARIOUS top theatrical appointments make one wonder whether the consequences of failure is to be kicked upstairs. Thus Yossi Israeli's remarkably unsuccessful career at Habimah, where his spendthrift policies reputedly brought the national theatre closer to ruin than ever before, ended in his transfer to the management of the Khan Theatre.

"Boy Wonder" Oded Kotler's series of flops at the Cameri and the Haifa Theatre, followed by his so-so spell at Neve Zedek, have brought him the prize of the Israel Festival's

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When one talks of Omanut La'am, one talks of its dedicated director, 49-year-old Yossi Frost, who is now marking his 10th year in the job. When he began, the public subsidy for its work amounted to 75 per cent of the cost. The proportion today is down to 30 per cent.

Frost meets regularly with local cultural committees to discuss their needs. He speaks of "contact between artist and audience that is unique in the world." He mentions the Haifa Theatre going to Kiryat Shmona where they performed for a week while staying with local families. Then there is the school chamber music group in Ofakim and another in Dimona - two of many examples. Truly, art for the people, by the people and of the people.

artistic direction. Many would justify the appointment solely on the basis of Kotler's work with the Acre Fringe Theatre Festival, but some circles comment that Shalev has to do his best to mollify the various cliques dominating the field.

There is a less forgiving view - that Shalev scratches certain backs to entrench his power and in so doing has dealt unkindly with some remarkable talent. One outstanding example is that of Ya'acov (Yasha) Bistrinsky under whose direction the Israel Festival in 1977, 1978 and 1979 reached an international, level, never since bettered. Shalev comments refer to a budget deficit growing to

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FEATURES

EVERYONE waiting to see what'll come out of the choler Prime Minister Shimon Peres has cooked up. Never know what will pop out of one until you lift off the lid.

Rumors waiting across the Atlantic prompt the question whether any special recipe was discussed by Peres and his best-in-Washington, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. Even Peres's political adviser, Nimrod Novik, was kept out of that meeting. A mystery thickened (or was it the lent?) After the cloak and dagger sit of U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering at the onset of the cabinet crisis — near midnight Pickering and U.S. envoy Wally Cluverius arrived at the P.M.'s Tel Aviv Kirya office. Surely they didn't come to chat about anything as mundane as the upcoming shuttle of Shultz's deputy, Richard Murphy? Or could it have been to offer — as some Likudniks darkly hint — a fall-back recipe for Peres should the spicy ingredient of Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i's resignation not work?

MODA'I certainly did it with style, swooping down with renewed vigor from his Swiss skiing holiday to label Peres "The Flying Premier." Moda'i, looking fit and bronzed, relished the praise for his tough stand against Peres that came from some "fat cats" at the grand bar-mitzva party of Daniel (son of Elhanan) and Nurit Jaglom, given by his grandparents, Joseph and World Wizo president Raya Jaglom. Moda'i tagged along behind his lovely wife Michal, World Wizo chairman.

The bar mitzva guests were like a Who's Who of Israel: Aura Herzog (President Chaim Herzog's wife),

Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Minister Ezer Weizman. Less known faces included tycoons Abba Frommchenco and Israel Pollack and Israel press Council president Dr. Yehoshua Rotenstreich.

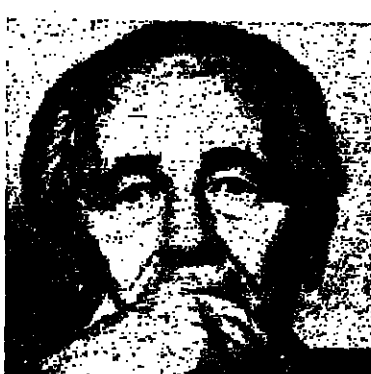
I also met there a top trio of the new centre party — Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dulzin, Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo (Chich) Laish and moneyman Israel Sacharov. I overheard the hostess telling the bar mitzva boy: "All the people came specially for you." He rejoined: "No, Grandma, they came for you."

Many of Israel's best-dressed women were there, and a friendly fashion expert indicated the smartest — the happy grandma Jaglom, Esther Rubin, Michal Moda'i, Batya Disenchik and Sonya Abramowitz.

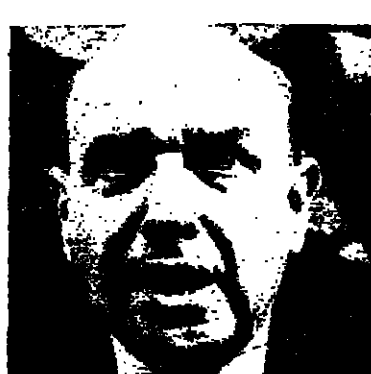
I obtained the distinct impression that Sacharov, a past chairman of Israel Aviation Industries, talked to Weizman about his notion of giving the job to his old IAF deputy commander, Mordechai (Motti) Hod, today Northrop's local agent. Whenever Weizman defends his latest idea, some people recall his argument, as defence minister, for making Rafael (Rafal) Eitan Chief-of-General Staff.

THE FESTIVE opening of Labour's fourth national convention was a kind of 49th birthday present for Labour's secretary-general, Uri Baran. This was his convention, and he can take credit for its liveliness and the youthfulness of the delegates — quite a change from the tired faces of veteran *arkanim*, which characterized past assemblies.

Symbolic of Baran's new party image was the exciting rendition of *Haklava* by super pop star Rita, for once dressed demurely, and the



Shimon Peres (Andre Bruttman)



Thomas Pickering (Reuter)



Nimrod Novik (Aliza Auerbach)

IN A STEW

PUBLIC FACES Mark Segal

appearance of student Avihai Elbaz, in sweatshirt and jeans, as spokesman of 133,000 new members. No one said it but in the back of everyone's mind was the contrasting image projected to Herut's recent free-for-all. Likud leader Shamir appeared to get a more courteous welcome from the Labour delegates than from his own party members.

PRESIDENT Chaim Herzog did well in reminding the convention of "how we have lost height" in pursuing such national aims as David Ben-Gurion's vision of the Negev, shaking the delegates when he reminded them "that the vision of settling the Arava is being fulfilled on the other (Jordanian) side of the border."

Speaking also as the son of the late chief rabbi Isaac Herzog, the president warned against deepening divisions between the secular and the

religious, leading to "us even having separate clocks," obviously a reference to the revolt against Interior Minister Yitzhak Peres's veto on summer time. Incidentally was Shas secretary Arye Deri's sudden decision to be drafted into the IDF the result of protests to Defence Minister Rabin that Deri can't become Interior Ministry director-general without serving in the army? Or is this a military tactic in Shas's *kulturkampf* against the secular majority?

ECONOMICS and Planning Minister Gad Ya'acobi took a swipe at the Likud's "costly economic experiments" when addressing the annual dinner of the Israel Friends of Ort,

presided over by its chairman, Uzi Steinberg, at the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel. Like so many of our ministers and MKs, Ya'acobi had an opportunity to convey personal thanks to Yehuda (Georgie) Halevy, Israel Bonds president, here for its international convention, for his arrangements of what are popularly known as "Georgie Tours." He committed the "Operation Independence Task Force to work with Israel Bonds in a drive to increase tourism to Israel."

Incidentally, when Tourism Minister Avraham (Abrasha) Sharr conjoined up the idea of working with Egypt and Greece in bringing American tourists here under the slogan "Back to the Sources," did he keep in mind that Athens has one of Arab terrorism's favourite airports?

I'M TOLD that just resigned Solel Boneh director-general Shragai Rot-

man, who quit in the wake of the concern's huge losses, has just been on a farewell trip to company branches in Africa, a trip paid for by Solel Boneh. I do hope the Histadrut giant is equally generous to those of its staff due for dismissal.

ON THE EVE of his flight to Egypt to meet president Hosni Mubarak and to try to warm up the cold peace, Knesset Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee chairman Abba Eban and his wife Suzie turned their living room into a video viewing studio. On view were two episodes of *Yes, Prime Minister* the continuation of the *Yes, Minister* series that proved so popular here (and elsewhere). The two segments were provided by one of its two authors, Eban's nephew Jonathan Lynn, who brought along his wife Rita but not his co-author, Anthony Jay.

The video viewers included the hostess's sister, Aura Herzog, fellow Jerusalemite Gita Sherover, Labour MK Aharon Harel and many top media men. Eban, introducing his nephew, remarked that the original satirical series had been screened in 50 countries, adding, "I wonder how it sounds in Urdu?"

Regretting the absence of "Sir Humphrey" (Yossi) Beilin, Eban noted the presence of his predecessor as cabinet secretary, "Sir Humphrey" (Dan) Meridor and of "Bernard" Boaz Eppelbaum, the PM's bureau chief.

Eban told me about his efforts to get nephew Lynn into Cambridge's Pembroke College. "When I asked what does one use, they said nepotism." Incidentally, Eban's sister was upset when her son decided to leave such a respectable profession as the law for show business.

Lynn said that another video viewer, Israel Broadcasting Author-

ity Director-General Uri Porat assured him that the new series will be screened here later this year.

WHO SAID the Basques were not part of the Spanish establishment? Spanish Ambassador to Israel Pedro Lopez Aguirre de Goia and Charge D'Affaires Joao Lopez Chicheri both come from the Basque region, as do Enrique Mejica Herzog, the Spanish Socialist party's delegate to the Labour convention, and Cardinal Angel Sequia, archbishop of Madrid, who is here leading 250 Spanish pilgrims touring the holy sites.

ISRAEL seemed to move closer to President Ronald Reagan's Star Wars strategy this week when the Technion dedicated its Space Research Institute, headed by Prof. Ya'acov Timan. The institute was donated by Helena and Norman Asher of Chicago, who came to Haifa as part of a 35-strong delegation of American Friends of the Technion, led by its chairman, Ed Goldberg of Boston.

Technion President Prof. Josef Singer was kept busy entertaining his guests, and Technion board of governors chairman Uzi Gali (Elron's president) accompanied the visitors on a trip to Jerusalem, despite the cabinet crisis. Premier Peres found time to receive them and Minister without Portfolio Moshe Arens, a former Technion professor, tendered a Knesset dinner in their honour.

WITH the passing, in Jerusalem, within a day of each other of two such remarkable men as author and ministerial adviser Moshe Pearlman and veteran diplomat Leo Savir, each of whom contributed so much to Israel's upbuilding, one feels that our society's quality has been diminished.

Surrendering to pressure

SHMUEL KATZ

tested by U.S. legislators.

Surely the role of the U.S. Jewish leaders is clearly indicated. They should undoubtedly join in the opposition to the deal — but they must go further. They must take direct issue with the administration on the subject of the bullying of Israel. They must assert their refusal to have their intelligence insulted, and to have their hands tied, by the derisive notion that Jerusalem is happy with the sale of arms to Saudi Arabia.

This demands a change in their policy — of pretending, once Israel has given in, that "if Israel agrees, who are we to interfere?" If they recognize an obligation to stand up for the security of Israel, they should protest not only against the arms deal but also against Washington's policy of "twisting Israel's arm" to acquiesce in measures inimical to its security.

Such a bold move will also add heart to Israel's political friends; and give direction to an all-too-often bewildered Jewish community. A SERIOUS situation has made itself manifest in another sphere vital to the interests of Israel and the Jewish people at large: American Jewish intervention to frustrate the movement of repatriation of Soviet Jews to the Jewish homeland.

Obscure as the motives of the Soviet leaders may be, the fact is that the gates to Jewish emigration were opened in the early Seventies in the wake of a series of acts of courageous defiance by young Jews — like Sperling, Kazakov, Kochubayevsky — who insisted that their homeland was Israel and they were entitled to go and live there. This demand was in consonance with the Soviet Union's own constitutional doctrine, which permits "repatriation" to a homeland outside the USSR.

Thus Jews — exceptionally — were allowed out, on condition that they would in fact proceed to their homeland.

A tremendous opportunity thus opened up for a substantial exodus from the Soviet Union. About a quarter of a million did leave. Whether a high level of emigration would be maintained is a matter for speculation. What is certain is that in the course of time the Soviets were presented with a perfect justification for shutting the gates. Most of the departing Jews were not repatriating at all, but were making their way to the U.S. The proportion of "drop outs" reached 70 per cent.

This contemptuous frustration of a positive Soviet act has been achieved by collaboration between some American Jews and the U.S. administration. The Hias organization, which took on a new lease of life when it began its work of luring Soviet Jews away from Israel, is far from being Zionist; and U.S. administrations have always harboured a substantial anti-Zionist element.

The Soviet Jews, leaving the Soviet Union in legal and orderly fashion, with an Israeli visa in their pockets, and assured of a fraternal welcome in their national home, are assured at some stage by official-looking American Jews, that if they wish they can go off to the U.S., the land of rich opportunity. The U.S. government ignores the Israeli visa; and baptizes the Jew-on-his-way-to-his-Homeland as a poor homeless refugee, qualifying for emergency entry into the U.S.

THUS THE miraculous revival of Zionism in the stony soil of the Soviet Union, and the astonishing cooperation of the Soviet authorities, have been converted into a disastrous episode in Zionist history. The cry of the world-wide movement for the freeing of Soviet Jews to go to Israel has become hollow and unconvincing. And the U.S. has systematically degraded Israeli sovereignty. (A weird historic comparison comes to mind. In the days of Nazi excesses before and during the Holo-

caust, European Jews who were helpless refugees in danger of their lives, were stonily denied a haven in the U.S.)

Despite the manifest growing gravity of the problem, the Israeli government under Begin made no move to put a stop to the pernicious process. The chairman of the Jewish Agency, Arye Dulzin, did make efforts to move the then prime minister to take action — but to no avail. Only in the national union government have there been signs of an understanding of the problem. Prime Minister Peres revealed publicly that he had been taken to task by Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze, who made it plain that the Soviet Union could not tolerate a situation where Jews who had been allowed to leave the USSR to go to Israel went off to the U.S.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir actually raised the matter with Secretary of State Shultz — who brushed him off with two arguments. One was that the Soviet Jews were entitled to "freedom of choice." This is a quite outrageous piece of phoney liberalism. The Soviet Jews are not entitled to "freedom of choice" — any more than the signer of a cheque is free to choose whether to honour it or not. Nor are they free to endanger the chances of freedom of Jews left behind in the USSR. Nor have they any right to hold the State of Israel up to contempt; or to bring ridicule and frustration to the tens of thousands of people, Jews and non-Jews, who have worked tirelessly to support the cause of their repatriation to Israel.

Shultz evidently did not touch on these minor matters, nor did he explain why the U.S. government finds it honourable and necessary to effect a false change of states precisely for Soviet Jews.

Shultz's second argument was no less shocking. The administration had responded to pressure from members of the Jewish community.

WE ARE entitled to know who these influential Jews are. Moreover, this is an issue on which the titular leadership of the American Jewish community has remained silent. It is time for communication to be established between the government of Israel and the American Jewish leaders with a view to joint action to put an end to the disgrace, and the pain of the breakdown of the Soviet Zionist movement. At least let honesty and dignity be restored to the cry, "Let my people go!"

In the spirit of the season

IT IS traditional among Jews to help others who are less fortunate, especially when festivals come around, with Pessah, almost upon us, we are hoping that the response to our appeals for funds will be in keeping with the spirit of the season.

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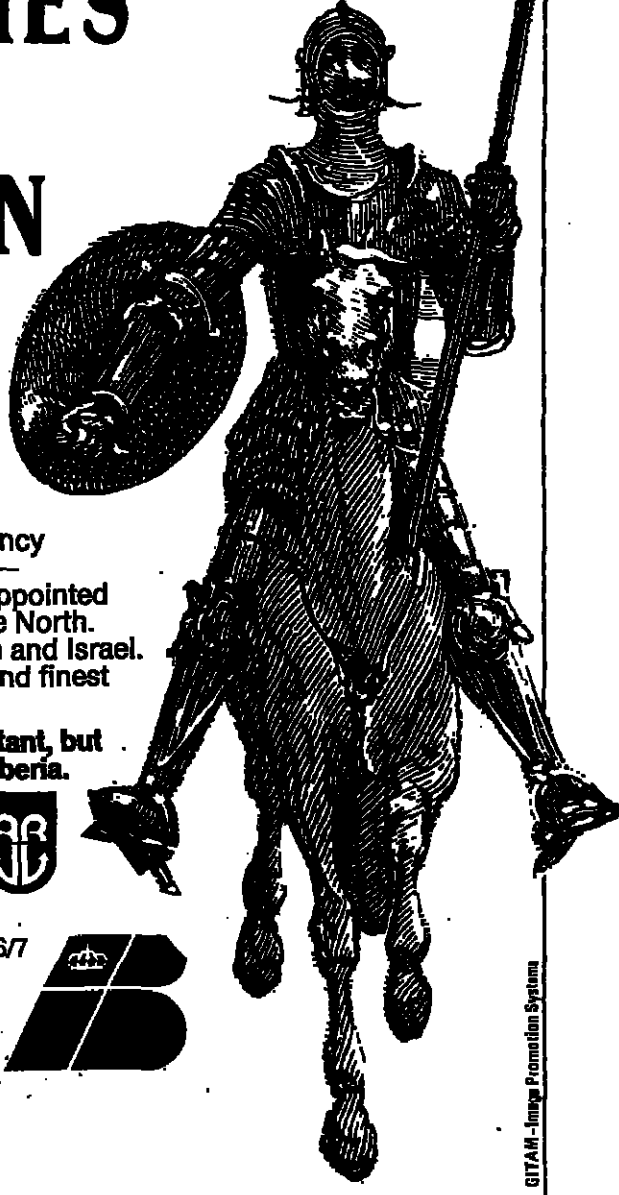
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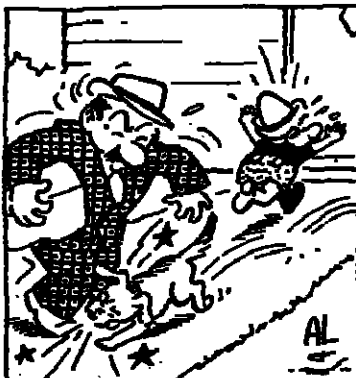
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The mystery of birth

TORA TODAY / By Pinhas Peli

ONE NEED NOT travel far to be able to observe the most wondrous spectacle on earth. It is right here beside us: a human being. Jewish daily prayer which calls for radical amazement at God's world, begins with pronouncements over the human body (*asher yatzar*) and soul (*elohai neshama*).

The study of biology and genetics made tremendous strides in recent decades. We are able, as never before, to manipulate many of the functions of our bodies. Transplants of vital organs have become an everyday occurrence. Notwithstanding all of this, we are just as puzzled and fascinated by the birth of a single baby as our ancestors were, thousands of years ago. Who can explain how a drop of seed travels to unite with an ovulated egg and becomes a person, endowed with a divine image, by the spiritual essence contained within the material? This process, it seems, was and still remains an unfathomable mystery.

There is hardly any information in the Bible about conception and birth. Sure enough, psalmist and prophet praise the maker of the astonishing complex creature, but they tell us little to help us comprehend it. There seems to be a delicate tendency towards demystification of the subject in biblical sources. The birth of the first human (Adam) could not have been announced in a more formal and factual way. "Now Adam had known his wife Eve and she conceived" (Genesis 4:1).

The verb *da*, "to know" personally and intimately, is the usual biblical term for sexual act. It has no mythical connotations whatsoever, no gods or goddesses are involved, not even snakes or eagles. It is a direct but subtle linguistic exclamation of awe. The Bible sees as private, delicate and modest. Biblical writers were, as a rule, overly prudish in matters of sex. Had they wished, they could have put it the way this verse is rendered in the New English Bible (Oxford: University Press): "The man lay with his wife Eve." Not having been educated, Oxbridge, however, they tried to choose a verb which reflected a certain more refined attitude to sexuality.

SENSITIVITY to language aside, Tora does not treat the subject romantically, nor does it wrap it in a mysterious aura, but, rather, it is direct and factual. "When a woman conceives and bears a male child, she shall be unclean for seven days, as in the period of her impurity through menstruation" (Leviticus 12:1). Preg-

nancy and birth are dealt with in a matter-of-fact manner, yet this does not dispel the mystery surrounding them.

Why the impurity caused by birth? Why is the new mother obliged to bring a sin offering? Isn't birth the fulfillment of a positive commandment given to mankind to "be fruitful and multiply" (Genesis 1:28)? And what of impurity imposed on women during menstruation?

To quote the Encyclopedia Judaica (in the article *Niddah*): "The laws relating to the menstruous woman comprise some of the most fundamental principles of the halachic [Jewish Religious Law] system, while a scrupulous observance of their minutia has been one of the distinguishing signs of an exemplary traditional Jewish family life." Few will contradict this, nor the statement which follows it, claiming that those laws are "among the most difficult and intricate in the entire range of the halacha."

In talmudic and midrashic literature, there is much praise accorded to Jewish women and men who adhere to the strict laws of purity and impurity in sexual relations. The laws of *niddah*, are among the few laws of impurity left of a huge complex legislative in this area during Temple times. We find, however, very few attempts to rationalize the laws. Also medieval Jewish philosophy has little to say on the subject.

It is only in modern times that a vast literature grew to offer various "reasons" for those laws, which of late were also given the more palatable appellation *taharat hamishpaha*, or "family purity." Those rationales range from the medical to the psychological, the philosophical and the sociological and even the cosmic (see Rabbi Norman Lamm's *Hedge of Roses* and many other publications on the subject proliferating in recent years). The sum total of all those explanations drives us, however, to the conclusion that rationality does not suffice, unless one considers the laws of *niddah* as part of the mystery surrounding pregnancy and birth, still far from being deciphered.

In their attempt to penetrate the mystery, the talmudic rabbis ask: What happens to the "person" prior to his appearance in this world? Rabbi Ymai, a third century rabbi, relates the following (TB Nidda 30): "The fetus when in its mother's womb, is [de] like a notebook, its head rests on its two temples, its two

elbows on its two legs and its two heels against its buttocks. Its head lies between its knees, its mouth is closed and its navel is open, and it eats what its mother eats and drinks what its mother drinks...A light burns above its head and it looks and sees from one end of the world to the other... There is no time in which a person enjoys greater happiness than in those days...it learns the entire Tora and as it is about to be born, an angel approaches, slaps it on its mouth and causes it to forget all the Tora." Folklore has it that the indentation of the upper lip is a result of that angelic touch.

The talmudic description should not be taken only as fanciful folklore. Without Freudian teachings or ultra-sound screening, it comes to convey to us certain ideas on the pre-natal existence of humankind. The seeing "from one end of the world to the other" is explained in the Talmud, as the source of human imagination that takes us to the ends of the world often accompanied with a sense of *déjà vu*. The learning of Tora at this early stage conveys a Platonic idea that education is primarily a process of reminiscing about things we knew previously.

The same source, where the formation of the embryo in its various stages is discussed, states also that "there are three partners in Man: God, father, and mother. The father supplies the white substance of which the child's bones, sinews, nails, brain and the white of the eyes are formed. The mother supplies the red substance of which are formed skin, flesh, hair, blood, and the dark of the eyes. God supplies the spirit, the breath, beauty of features, eyesight, hearing and the ability to speak and to walk, understanding and discernment."

I do not know whether the biological theory offered here is valid scientifically, but the intention of this rabbinic homily is obvious. It aims to drive home the idea that the human genes produce only the material composition of the body, while seeing, hearing, spirit and intellect are God-given. It says that man comes to this world not only as a physical being, but also as one bearing the divine image and the freedom that comes with it. Furthermore, his humanity is not something which man can take or reject at will. "As the child is about to emerge into this world," the rabbis continue, "he must take an oath, that he will be righteous and not wicked and never

follow mass public opinion in this matter."

Man is born in his aloneness with the capacity to choose between good and evil. He is not, as Heidegger would have it, "thrown into the world," but put there for a specific purpose. He has indeed learned Tora before birth, but learning can come and go with the snap of a finger. It is goodness that must be acquired in a lifetime of decision-making. Every day, every moment, Man must decide between good and evil.

TORA, TOO, IS Not given. One must acquire it in great effort. "If the fetus learns all of Tora while in its mother's womb," asks a hassidic master, "why make it forget all that it learned? And conversely, if he forgets it anyway, why invest efforts in teaching it to him? What is the good of Tora in the mother's womb?"

He asked the question and answered it with a parable: Once a great king travelled through a forest when he suddenly heard the sound of beautiful music. He became enthralled with the melody and rushed in the direction where the music came from; as he got there, it seemed to him that the music came from the opposite direction. When he ran there, it again appeared to be coming from still another direction.

He spent the day running in all directions, enchanted by the beautiful melody, but could not find the musicians nor catch the melody. After much running about and searching, he returned to his palace, but the melody he heard in the forest was still haunting him. He summoned all the bands and musicians in the land to his court and asked them to play for him their entire repertoire with the hope that they would come to the melody he lost in the forest, but to no avail. They played many beautiful enchanting melodies, but not the one he was looking for. Sometimes, they even came close to playing it, but never hit the right chord. The king thus learned many melodies, but he also knew that he had to keep up the search for "the" melody.

Likewise, we are made to forget the Tora we studied while still in our mother's womb. But, what it does to us is give us the feeling, that with all the Tora we study, we must keep on looking for the "real" Tora, which we learned from the divine angel before we came to this world.

Though we have forgotten it, enough has remained with us for us to know always, that there is still more of Tora we have yet to learn. The Tora reading for this week is *tazria* (Leviticus 12:1-13:59).

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80, 1982, 1600, automatic, radio-tape, year. 49307.

80, 83, 1300, 28,000km., one owner, extras. 92944.

Audi 80, 1983, 1600, automatic, one owner, radio, year's test. 03-964780.

Audi 80, 1983, 1300, well kept, 2nd owner. 03-91419, 053-7037.

Audi 80, 1983, GL, from army disabled, engine. 052-547356.

Audi 80, 1983, one owner, 1600, automatic, 90,000.

30 LS, automatic, 1471/74, overhauled engine. 1400, list price. 057-416294.

Service only, 100 automatic, 3.2 L engine, all additions. 03-343456.

100, 1986, automatic, bargain. NIS 19,800, in port. 04-244173.

30 1600 GL, 1983, automatic, from disabled, excellent condition. 03-86901.

30 1600, automatic, one owner, test, air conditioner, 26,000. 03-025482.

30 1471 LS, test, 1973, exchange for new. 0471-61548.

30 1300, 1983, metallic, 23,000km. 03-33723, 03-827613.

Audi 80, 1600, 1982, air conditioner, 12,000, 2nd owner. 04-718232.

30 1300, C.L., 1984, one owner, 36,000km. 03-867305.

Audi 80, 1983, 1600, automatic, test, radio. 03-465425.

Audi 80, C.C., 1986, in port, personal import. 057-38038.

03, 1983, automatic, one owner, from disabled, 03-913114.

Audi 80, 1300, 1984, 9,500km. 03-747703.

AUSTIN, MORRIS

Julian 73, after reconditioning, NIS 500, 055-83995, 055-94062.

Metro 1000, 83, one owner, 28,000, extras. 03-881867, 03-203379.

Metro 1300, 1984, excellent. Work. 03-971663; home. 03-323151.

73, automatic, good condition. Home. 052744, 022337, 401341.

Mini Minor, late 79, from doctor, 76,000, NIS 7,000. 03-701464.

AUTOBIANCHI

Blanchi 79, 2nd owner, excellent. 03-847764; work. 0512353, Assano.

Elite 1981, 2nd owner, 57,000, 5 gear, list price. 03-416048.

Junior 84, 30,000, (rental one year), excellent condition. 052-24940.

Autobianchi Elegan, 1979, year's test, levy, extras. 051-51481.

Autobianchi LX, 83, one owner, 28,000km. 417954.

Autobianchi 79, excellent, 2nd owner, list price. 08-47453.

Junior, 1981, previously from rental, excellent. 03-412878, 03-98469.

Junior, 1983, one owner, 38,000km., radio tape. 03-47579.

1979, original spray, test, from rental, bargain. 03-41923, 03-248027.

Autobianchi 83 4X, electric windows, metallic, list price. 03-77839, 03-34157.

Elegant 80 from rental, excellent condition, test, 10% off. 03-49148.

From rental, Junior, 1984, new, 416158, home. 32022, work.

B.M.W.

316, automatic, air conditioner, beautiful, like new, 9,500. 03-736718, 03-727804.

316 automatic, 82, air conditioner, one owner, excellent. 03-803634.

From doctor, 316, 1984/5, 18,000km., one owner, like new. 03-724413.

CITROEN

Palas 82, air conditioner, 2nd owner, 90,000km., NIS 12,000. 03-428041.

Citroen station GEL, 1982, manager's private car. 03-296141, Yitzhak.

Palas, 1984, metallic, one owner, additions. 04-44872, 069-61461, 069-61481.

Citroen GS Palas, 1979, one owner, 03-741914.

Citroen owners! New and used spare parts for all types of Citroens + propeller, campaign! 03-737886, Elitaz.

Citroen GS Palas, C-matic, 1300, 1983, 50,000km. 341257.

Citroen, GSA Palas, 1983, 24,000km., well kept. 03-81046.

Citroen, GSA Palas, 1982, one owner, well kept. 03-740886.

GS, Palas, 1982, 46,000km., excellent condition. 03-438329.

GSA Palas, 1981, C-matic, one owner, 53,000km. 03-890475.

GSA Palas, December 84, 17,000km., 17,500. 057-423913.

Visa Super, 2 E, 1982, one owner, excellent. 052-555838; work. 03-282223.

Visa Super, 1983, 24,000km., excellent condition, NIS 14,500. 03-622796, work; home. 03-424822.

Visa Super, 1983, one owner, 42,000, excellent condition. 03-476231.

Visa, 1983, one owner, year's test, 27,000km. 03-739247, 03-84416.

Visa Super E, 1983, test. 03-413098, afternoon, evening.

Wonderful, GSA Palas, 1300, 1982, 2nd owner, metallic. 03-948630.

Citroen G.S.A., 1982, one owner, 78,200, excellent. 08-492140, 08-48294.

GSA Palas, 1983, metallic, one owner, test, radio-tape. 052-96146.

Citroen GSA, Palas, C-matic, 1300, 1982, 26,257, 03-35578.

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24-ton Lush diesel, 1982, 03-222023, 03-217337, home.

Bargain, from stock, new, used and damaged pumps.

Bargain, generator-diesel no. 5-K.V.A., new, 04-737377, 04-701482.

Boats

Diving and sailing school announces courses for racing boats, NIS 200; diving courses, NIS 180, 05-252499.

Bargain, fishing boat + Mercury 40 engine, like new, 04-737377.

Laser sailboat and wind surfer, excellent, from England, bargain, 05-857472.

Shafal sailboat, good condition, bargain, 04-66884, 712702, Danel.

Computers

Excellent diskettes, S.K.C. and R.C.M., wholesale or individual, 18 Dorech Harari, Tel Aviv.

For sale, Commodore 64, nearly new + warranty, 065-90077.

V.M.S. printer, NIS 599, 498430.

Excellent monitor for Apple and compatibles, NIS 229, 03-742225.

IBM computer, very special price, NIS 386.

Monitor, 14" for IBM, high resolution, NIS 475, 495833.

Special software and IBM computer for accountants, lawyers, 204739.

Wide printer, BMC for IBM, NIS 995, 498430.

For sales/leasing, Digital computer, Rainbow 100+, with software, 05-890666.

Printer, 100 characters per second, for all computers, NIS 765, 485192.

Commodore, 5K/8096, like new, NIS 550, 055-2245, 055-2391, not Shabat.

New! Computers, software, text books, Buy Communications and Telephones, Haimshel, Rishon LeZion, 03-9643737.

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Commodore 64 + tape, NIS 450, 053-93310.

Personal computer, Sinclair Q.L. + software, 075, 03-492385.

Carpets

Turkish carpet, 3x2, 2,000, 052-42317, not Shabat.

Bargain, Belgian carpet, 2x3, modern, lovely, brown-beige, good condition, 067840.

Persian carpet, original Kashan, 3.30x2.30, bargain, 772929.

Furniture

Bargain! New, modern lounge set, NIS 250; new double bed + mattress, NIS 230; cabinet, chest of drawers, 8. Rubel Shein, 26 Bogenhof, (basement), 03-280493.

For Persian! Immediate supply, cupboards of all sizes; beds, 150; bookcases, 98; night tables, 30. Rubel Shein, 26 Bogenhof, (basement), 03-280493.

From factory, Ramat Gan, 14 Harochel Lounge sets, Double beds + mattresses, 250; cupboards, 220; buffets, 200; dinettes. Open Saturday evening, 03-734007.

Leather lounge set, 3+2+1, like new, 03-869158.

Luxurious Italian bedroom set, excellent condition, 532269.

Pasover! Immediate delivery! Cupboards, all sizes; beds, 150; bookshelves, 98; chest of drawers, 30. Rubel Shein, 26 Bogenhof, (basement), 03-280493.

Sale, home furniture, Ramat Gan, 1771 Hagadol Haivert, after 16.00, not Shabat.

Sale! Lounge set, 2nd owner, good condition, 03-734549.

Due to warehouse relocation! Absolute stock clearance! Sealy, Amish, Paradise mattresses, youth settees + 2 Amish and Paradise spring mattresses, part for immediate delivery, unscrupulous retail New shipment arrived from Holland and elsewhere of dinette suites, mattresses, breakfasts, complementary pieces, at direct import prices for consumers! Exclusive models for home and office! Buy! Yegor Ramat Hasharon, 41 Ushishin, 03-474492, 03-485910, closed Monday afternoons.

Due to transfer of storerooms! Absolute stock clearance of Sealy, Amish and Paradise mattresses, youth beds with 2 spring mattresses, Amish and Paradise, some available immediately, unprecedented prices! New shipment arrived from Holland and other countries of dinette suites, mattresses, display cases and complementary furniture, importer to consumer prices! Lounge seating systems, exclusive models. Buy! Yegor Ramat Hasharon, 41 Ushishin, 03-474492, 03-485910.

Bargain! New lounge set in packing, 250, 03-834528, 03-734007.

Musical Instruments

Electric Fender piano, Farfisa organ VPS45, 04-515352.

For sale, new Yamaha piano, \$3,000, 482317.

Kawai and Roland Organs, pianos, synthesizers. Beit Kawai, 61 Ditzengoff Center, 280493.

Melchik piano, huge sales campaign on new, used and expertly reconditioned pianos, 10 in cash, the rest in installments, 125 Ditzengoff, 03-220303.

Russian Bychkan piano, excellent condition, 03-524466, 10-73-03-00.

Cello, full size, hand-made, good condition, 03-516233, 03-520681.

For sale, Persian kitar, lute, beautiful, grand piano for sale, like new, very special, 03-521273.

Bargain, transparent Eraldi drums, accessories, Ludwig and Premier, 25-2523.

For sale, used piano, excellent condition, 03-58611, Ilan.

From business liquidation: piano, musical instruments, sheet music at half price. Etzem Hainayn, 19 Rabi Akiva, Beit Brak, 78950.

From property under trusteeship, Israeli grand piano, German, manufactured 1924/4, serial estimated value, \$2,000, 03-441845.

Yamaha, Viscount and Jam new and used organs and pianos, sheet music and payment terms. Theilich Hainayn, 01 Sokolov, Herzliya, 03-53332.

Reinsman, small, like new, 3,000, 291940, subs. 1002, not Shabat.

Daniel Pines, almost new, excellent condition, Ramat Aviv, 03-428497.

Daniel Pines: Israel's representative piano sold in all European countries, obtainable now in Israel. Eyal Daniel, 03-224418.

For sale, Bluetone piano, German, good condition, 03-410603.

For sale, Pleyel piano, French, excellent condition, 73210.

Campaign, 40% off! Synthesizers, speakers, amplifiers, guitar effects, professional drum kits from NIS 699. Roland and Boss, 03-996507, 03-950556.

Melchik piano, huge sales campaign on new and used pianos, and reconditioned by experts, 10 cash, balance in installments, 125 Ditzengoff, 03-220303.

Sister, the leading piano in Germany, campaign price! Melchik Pianos, 125 Ditzengoff, Tel Aviv, 03-220303.

Pets

For sale, golden retriever puppies, beautiful, 03-543017.

Flower puppies, beautiful, 2 months old, for sale, 03-803184.

For sale, Billy, 2 1/2 years old, daughter of Gibben, \$5,500, 03-528933.

Available, mixed color spaniel, young, charming, house trained, 03-204222, noon.

For sale, German Shepherd puppies, excellent, charming, certificates, 03-30381.

Two Dobermans, black, especially large + certificates, seek similar bitch for mating, 03-414523.

Refrigerators

Amaro 20, side by side doors, excellent, like new, 730, 03-532240.

Buying refrigerators, high prices, sale, repair, guarantee, 03-829261.

Electric refrigerators for rent and sale, immediate supply, Amos, General Electric, 03-246677.

New, Amara 22 freezer, top opening + insurance, 413768, 856221.

Westinghouse 24, side by side doors, well kept, like new, 03-45623.

Amara 16, avocado color, 2 1/2 years old, excellent condition, 03-286389.

Amaro 15, excellent condition, white, immediate, 03-20339.

Amaro 16, excellent condition, for sale, 474697.

New ITT freezer, used but new condition, 03-261364, evening.

NIS 600, 03-561295.

Amaro 15, excellent condition, 03-226186, afternoons, not Shabat.

NIS 11, white, excellent condition, NIS 250, 03-847449.

General Electric 24, longhouse, drink dispenser, excellent, well kept, 03-37327.

Portable Yamaha PS 55 organ, sophisticated, 02-698464.

For holders of Visa and Mastercard! Amos refrigerators, convenient installations. Ramat Hasharon, 13 Chelov, Tel Aviv.

For holders of Visa and Mastercard! Galaxy Tadiar, convenient installations, immediate supply, Meritz Hasharon, 13 Chelov, Tel Aviv.

For consumers only, new Norge 21, olive color, 03-445636.

From butcher, 2 large stainless steel refrigerators, 03-533019, not Shabat.

General Electric 21, 6 years, excellent condition, 03-55433.

Sewing Machines

Bernina industrial sewing machine, almost new, Japanese motor, Elinhor, 03-324606.

Tachikawa, repair service and sales, 12 Blauk, Ramat Gan, 736164.

Stamps

Zodiac, public auction, lovely material from all types of collections, foreign and Israeli, May 7, 03-291395.

Stereos

Excellent 86 stereo assembled in packing, guarantee, 1900, 03-705177.

Go for a sure thing! Sony + Sony + stereo system, display case, special price! Video, stereo, cabinets, stereo and radio-play 17 Gordon, Tel Aviv, Sefaria and Fischer service lab, 22-72034.

Imported records + Rega record player, immediate delivery, 03-439456.

Televisions

Amateur photographers! For sale, portable video + camera + integrated National system, 04-202324.

New Silora colour televisions and used B & W and colour sets, guaranteed, 17 Carmel, Tel Aviv, 03-232179.

Only NIS 2 for movie from Pop's largest video library, Video-Pop, 29 Haiman.

Samsung 26" colour television for sale, 03-485829.

Guaranteed repairs of televisions, videos, reliable service, 03-731177.

National M5 video camera, automatic, including parts, 03-533477.

Siemens video, Pilot 27" TV, both new + guaranteed, 03-861638.

Washing Machines

For sale, bargain, new American washing machine, Maytag, 052-45980.

General Electric, 8kg, private import, new, bargain, 04-730669.

Purchase

Buying restaurant equipment: stainless steel for kitchens and institutions, 813008, 833237.

Lichtenstein and Holder buy books and Judaica, old manuscripts, 02-287855.

Used mechanical tools, working condition, Tel. 773485, evenings.

Weissman buys everything, furniture, televisions, refrigerators, 827908, 811136.

Yakov buys inheritances, furniture and liquidations, 03-532818; home, 03-451761.

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For food distribution, seeking reliable, married, Ramat-Gan and area resident, 03-707294.

GR Institute requires lovely, intelligent housewives, professional/appraisers, 1000, 03-234396.

Hod Hasharon Local Council, needs certified health worker. Apply with certificates with the form in the secretary's office, until Friday, 18.4.86, 12.00.

Hotel requires musician and blow-dryer stylist of good appearance, 03-269138.

Situations Vacant

"Out of this world" campaign! Seeking the sweetest housewife, 03-252325.

Agent for profitable advertising position, base + commission, 253544, 234744.

Bank Tefahot, Tel Aviv branch, requires excellent clerk-typist, high school graduate. For interview call, 03-253144, 12.00-14.00, for Mr. Levendy, Tel. 03-253144.

Bookbinder, Tel Aviv, requires adept workers, experienced, 03-338682.

Diamonds! Upper crosswork cut, upper brilliants, for good stones, 751139.

Experienced salesperson required, to sell electrical appliances, Haim Shalev, 03-206467.

Hyper Keren, Rishon LeZion, requires experienced workers, vegetable workers, butchers, delicatessen workers, cashiers. Apply to Hyper Keren, Rishon LeZion, Beit Dagan Road.

Messenger + motorcycle license, for Sun print bureau, 03-332095.

Moshav Tamar requires drive grow worker, experience preferred, 02-941233; evenings, 02-941021.

Old age home, Pith Tikva, requires part time nurse, auxiliary personnel; cleaners, 03-923339; evenings, 02-443336.

Own Furniture Factory requires experienced salesperson with references, Tel Aviv (part time), Beersheva, Haim Shalev, 03-206467, interior design and draughting, Contact Oleg, 03-784104-5, 03-30-14.00.

Required all over Israel: substitute kindergarten teachers and assistants, for private kindergartens. Contact organization's office, 03-221586, 10.00-19.00.

Seeking young cook. Tefahot graduates preferred, 03-418485, 03-455851.

Senior secretary to organize office staff, Hebrew-English typing, basic bookkeeping skills, 03-877499, 03-813563.

Town center supermarket requires experienced manager. Apply in writing with curriculum vitae, POB 116, Rishon LeZion.

I. Scientific editor + responsible for word-processing, qualifications: editing ability and experience, command English (native speaker preferred), word-processing skills (Laser system preferred), 2. word-processor operator, English typist on Laser system, qualifications: word-processor and editing ability, experience (native English speaker preferred), Laser system experience, 03-400146, ask for Gila.

Adhesive letter factory, Pith Tikva area, requires part time graphic artist, 03-911613.

Bookkeeper, grade 3, part time, keyboard experience an asset, 03-412144-5.

Computer firm, Ramat Gan, requires students for interesting work in free time. Interested should contact, 726833, 751139.

Ellat, kibbutznik after army, good with children, to care for 2, room and board, 03-76796.

English typist, Hebrew knowledge, for technical office, 03-415142.

Hebrew-English clerk-typist, after army, for engineers' office, Ramat Gan, full time only, 741355-6.

Lester International firm requires: 1. experienced English salesperson; 2. experienced word-processor operators, 03-622423.

Seeking independent agent + commercial vehicle, marketing experience, 03-820760.

Seeking pretty saleswoman, professional and trainees, good conditions, 03-242633.

Seeking salesperson and client support, retail, micro-computers, 495835, 498430.

Seeking (assistant) office printer, G.T.O., 1/2 shift, 03-820117.

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Adin Neufeld, 30 Levanot, Tel Aviv, requires packing department workers, 5 full work days weekly.

Adin Neufeld, 30 Levanot, Tel Aviv, seeking cleaning worker.

Aerocosts company requires flight attendant to cook and maintain restaurant, accommodations on site, 920448.

Agents required for cultural publication, generous income, 03-844663, 08.00-09.30, until 19.00.

Anglo-Saxon, Ramat Gan, requires dynamic sales agent, powers of expression, administrative capabilities, necessary. For interview, 03-782121.

Attractive, professional + apprentice seamstresses required, good terms, 03-242633.

Baked goods factory requires worker to prepare dough, no prior experience necessary, 03-532878.

Brush silk screen printers require professional worker, steady work, 03-820808.

Clever sales hostess for satellite broadcasts, Pith Tikva area, 03-9224042.

Commercial company, Ben Gurion Airport, requires NCR computer operator-keyboard operator, English mandatory, shift work, 03-532878, c.v. stating which hand used to P.O.B. 53, Ben Gurion Airport 70-100.

Construction foreman, experienced in public works, 03-742240.

Contact lens wearer for reception clerk, intelligent, hard working, interview 5.4.86, 12.00-13.30, Ilan, 94 Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv.

Contracting company requires site engineers, specialized in earthwork, development and roads throughout country, 3-5 years minimum experience. Handwritten applications to P.O.B. 21177, Tel Aviv.

Distribution department seeks young workers, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 14.00, Apply at Mashev, 2 Cadebach, Tel Aviv, Yeroham or Dali, Distributions Department, until 10.00 a.m.

Electronics welders, experienced, after army, Beit Brak, Tel. 03-700201.

English salesperson required, dynamic, fast breaking experience, good appearance, languages preferred, c.v. necessary! National Tel Aviv, 03-236338, 03-236330.

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Personnel

Isoler director, advertising experience, full time, 33719216, Eyal.

Seeking candid membership worker for permanent work, 03-910102.

Secretary + basic bookkeeping skills, keyboard skills preferred, good conditions, A.V.T., 03-203052-3.

Energetic worker for wholesale firm, 82452, 82005.

Excellent secretary-typist required for Tel Aviv lawyer's office, 03-216882.

Excellent photocopy operator, good conditions, 03-38966.

Experienced spray workers, Lod area, high pay for suitable, good social benefits, transportation, meals, Daniel, 8 Rogozin, Ashdod, 03-805423, 03-34777.

Huge campaign! Urgent! Young person, Nis 90 a day! Shai, 111 Jabotinsky, Ramat Gan.

Hari periphery Tel Aviv requires beauty consultants, afternoons, 14.00-19.00, experienced in sales, (Review, Ramat Gan, 248064, 6538).

Italian Embassy requires switchboard operator, professional fluent in Hebrew and Italian. Details on bulletin board at Embassy, Beit Asia, 4 Weizmann, Tel Aviv. No details on phone.

Letter press printer required to operate a 74 sheet, assistant office printer required + binder. Apply to 03-820760, 03-820581.

Machine draughtsman, paint experience, excellent terms, A.V.T., 03-203052-3.

Maintenance mechanic, vocational school graduate, 2 years experience, good conditions, A.V.T., 03-203052-3.

Moshav Tamar requires clerk for packing house, 02-941134.

Opel Pith Tikva requires car mechanic, 126 Dorech Pith Tikva, Shela, Tel. 03-78279, 03-519740.

Part-time book and experienced assistant for "Ugrot", 229433, work, 888431, home.

Positioner for factory, Ramat Gan, light work with automatic drill, 03-75480.

Photography and run-away model, 25 sheets + pleasant client, 03-282020.

Pretty young woman, high profile in new field, as escort for businessmen, 03-942833.

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Pub-restaurant, Tel Aviv, requires workers, inexperienced possible, flexible hours, suitable for students, good conditions, 03-39791, 03-3630, POB 37683, Tel Aviv, 61376, for work.

Required, agent + car to distribute car batteries, Gush Dan and central area, 03-794549.

Required, attendants for Paz petrol station, fair conditions, pleasant atmosphere, Yehud Haimshel, 03-664233.

Salaries, young persons, students, high income in sales promotion, 03-788837.

Site engineer and/or experienced foreman to manage construction site and accounts, Haim and northern area, 03-514342.

Special project! Released soldiers required, ex-convict unit, NIS 1,500 per month. Beit Shai, 111 Jabotinsky, Ramat Gan.

Tapers and roaster polisher required for quality stones, good conditions, 333455.

Victor, Ramat, requires hairdressers and blowdryers, good conditions, 889390, 848682.

Workers required for Alum-dash alumina works, Rehovot, 06-464233.

Workers for factory, Tel Aviv and Holon, 5 days, 371257.

Young single (B) Get married! Excellent salary, 1st 173333, 2nd 173333, 3rd 173333, 4th 173333, 5th 173333, 6th 173333, 7th 173333, 8th 173333, 9th 173333, 10th 173333, 11th 173333, 12th 173333, 13th 173333, 14th 173333, 15th 173333, 16th 173333, 17th 173333, 18th 173333, 19th 173333, 20th 173333, 21st 173333, 22nd 173333, 23rd 173333, 24th 173333, 25th 173333, 26th 173333, 27th 173333, 28th 173333, 29th 173333, 30th 173333, 31st 173333, 32nd 173333, 33rd 173333, 34th 173333, 35th 173333, 36th 173333, 37th 173333, 38th 173333, 39th 173333, 40th 173333, 41st 173333, 42nd 173333, 43rd 173333, 44th 173333, 45th 173333, 46th 173333, 47th 173333, 48th 173333, 49th 173333, 50th 173333, 51st 173333, 52nd 173333, 53rd 173333, 54th 173333, 55th 173333, 56th 173333, 57th 173333, 58th 173333, 59th 173333, 60th 173333, 61st 173333, 62nd 173333, 63rd 173333, 64th 173333, 65th 173333, 66th 173333, 67th 173333, 68th 173333, 69th 173333, 70th 173333, 71st 173333, 72nd 173333, 73rd 173333, 74th 173333, 75th 173333, 76th 173333, 77th 173333, 78th 173333, 79th 173333, 80th 173333, 81st 173333, 82nd 173333, 83rd 173333, 84th 173333, 85th 173333, 86th 173333, 87th 173333, 88th 173333, 89th 173333, 90th 173333, 91st 173333, 92nd 173333, 93rd 173333, 94th 173333, 95th 173333, 96th 173333, 97th 173333, 98th 173333, 99th 173333, 100th 173333.

For plastics business, devoted technician worker + driver's license (mandatory), sales, references, 03-378581.

Handy man required to finish construction, Ra'anana, foreman or premier preferred, 03-72303.

Independent agent required, car + guarantees, 03-801568, 03-812339.

Investigations office, Tel Aviv, requires investigator + finance + car, also experience in insurance investigations and training. POB 26010, Tel Aviv, 03-812339.

Printing house requires responsible young woman for varied work + young man, 03-650455.

Quick secretary required, Rehovot, permanent work, experienced, 03-33578.

Rishon LeZion, worker for responsible position, split shift, for photography development laboratory, 03-287130.

Space seller, nation-wide for popular monthly, 03-20002.

Student for part time work in shop, 229945, home, driver's license, 03-72306.

Supervisor, 15 Rehovot Blvd, Ramat Aviv requires keypress operator. Contact branch manager.

Supervisor, Sderot Norda, corner Ben Gurion, Tel Aviv, requires key punch operator, production department worker, delicatessen worker. Contact branch manager.

The U.S. Embassy requires a telephone installer and repairman. Applicants must have 3 years of journeyman level telephone installer and repairman experience + a knowledge of English. EPAAB system and ability to read wiring plans and diagrams. Please call the Personnel Office, 03-654338, ext. 304, from Monday.

Weaving factory, Ramat Gan requires weavers, shift work, 03-750213, 03-751611.

Worker for delicatessen, afternoons, Ramat Gan, 782534, 738161, 3 Haim, Beit Brak.

Workers, students for work, flexible conditions, A.V.T., 03-203052-3.

Yehud Ziv requires, installation contractors, carpenters, renovation contractors, (car, tools, and certification), 03-200104.

A.V.T. requires electricity technicians with qualifications electronics license, permanent work, 03-203052-3.

Check required with command of English and French and/or German + typing, 6 hours, 03-654333.

Commercial agent in Ben Gurion Airport requires for work in shop: 1. Clerk, 2. sales promoter, 3. young man for merchandise arrangement. English knowledge obligatory, work in shifts, 4 workers per storehouse, basic English knowledge, 03-9711723.

High income for suitable who wishes to accept independent business. Gush Dan, 03-219294.

Metals workers required for work in Tel Aviv, 03-242779, work, 03-90731.

Secretary for Netanyahu office, full command of English, typing works knowledge of Hebrew, administrative skills, full time 5 days week. Import Company, POB 1122, Netanyahu 4210.

ACCOUNTANTS

Seeking bookkeeper, grade 2, experienced, 5 hours daily, 03-447705.

Accounting office seeks controller, one year's experience, 408501, 462397.

Independent accountant, interested in bookkeeping firm bookkeeping, 770416.

Bookkeeper required for varied job in bookkeeping and branch supervision, full time, 08.00-15.30; Friday, 08.00-13.00, 03-622547, 03-622547.

Bookkeeper, all grades, assistance in bookkeeping, full time, long term, immediate, good terms, Tigbur, 03-248946.

Bookkeeping office accepting computer work + accounting, balances, interest on returns, reports, salaries, 03-736033, 03-734112, home.

Computer keyboard typist, bookkeeping knowledge; trainees in ex consultant, 03-725890, 03-734318.

Construction company seeks bookkeeper in Ashdod, high pay for suitable, legal social benefits, transportation, meals, Daniel, 8 Rogozin, Ashdod, 03-805423, 03-34777.

Grade 3 bookkeeper + English for work in Ashdod, high pay for suitable, legal social benefits, transportation, meals, Daniel, 8 Rogozin, Ashdod, 03-805423, 03-34777.

Grade 3 bookkeeper, English, computer knowledge, full time, Ben Gurion Airport, 03-711883.

Grade 3 bookkeeper, qualified, experienced only, full time, benefits and salary commensurate with experience, Tigbur, 03-298646.

International forwarding company requires grade 1 or 2 bookkeeper or beginner; pensioner possible; English mandatory; full time, 03-751522.

Private Tel Aviv company requires Grade 2 bookkeeper, part time, young man, experienced, detailed c.v. to POB 39197, Tel Aviv.

CLERKS

Assistant to chief secretary, good typing knowledge, work hours 08.00-16.00, 03-621687.

Attorney's office, Tel Aviv, requires English typist, word-processing experience preferred, for hours 15.00-18.00, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Call Sunday-Thursday, 03-268447.

Lawyer's office requires experienced secretary, 08.00-13.00 including Fridays, 03-209155.

Check for photography shop, sales clerk + public relations, 03-622551.

Experienced typist, Hebrew and/or English, for immediate hourly work, Tigbur, 02-24038-9.

Secretary for export firm, office manager, typing, native English speaker, 03-209155, 03-209155.

Developing electronics company requires clerk, basic English, typing advantage, 03-791477.

Dietary keypress operator for IBM computer, Kiyat Mahesh, high pay, good social benefits, transportation, meals, Daniel, 8 Rogozin, Ashdod, 03-805423, 03-34777.

English word processor operator, Yehud area, high pay, good conditions for suitable, required social benefits, transportation, meals, Daniel, 8 Rogozin, Ashdod, 03-805423, 03-34777.

Experienced typist, Hebrew, morning hours according to pages, 03-456533.

Domestic (three weekly): Clara Shemesh, 03-47957.

Experienced woman required as attendant and cook for elderly woman and housekeeping in exchange for accommodations and salary, 03-448314.

Filipino required for light housekeeping and cooking twice weekly, 03-42878.

Hebrew-English and sales operator, 09.00-16.00, 03-651178.

Insurance office requires experienced insurance clerk, 03-204032, 03-881580.

Lawyer's office seeks word processor operator, Hebrew, English, office work, good knowledge of English essential, 288106, 08.00-15.00.

Operator-secretary, speaking and typing knowledge of English, 03-751621.

Secretary for full time interesting position, command of Hebrew/English, knowledge in word processing, typing, 03-292626, 03-258211.

Secretary, full command of English + German + Hebrew; typing preferred, Yehud area; high pay for suitable, required social benefits, transportation, meals, Daniel, 8 Rogozin, Ashdod, 03-805423, 03-34777.

Senior marketing secretary, English, senior position, Ashdod, high pay for suitable, proper social benefits, transportation, meals, Daniel, 8 Rogozin, Ashdod, 03-805423, 03-34777.

Zamir requires experienced Hebrew/English secretaries/word processor operators for temporary/semi-permanent work, 03-240104.

Important require clerk, bookkeeping, know-how, references, 08.00-16.00, 03-338202.

If you have initiative, communication skills, good English writing, interesting work on tourism monthly awaits you, 03-245586.

Adin Neufeld, 30 Levanot, Tel Aviv, seeking production clerk, prior experience preferred.

Clerk/secretary, experienced in office work for lawyer's office, 08.30-16.00, 03-245688.

Excellent conditions! Full time reception clerk, intelligent, quick thinking! Powers of persuasion! 03-694242.

High school graduate as clerk to assist in Tel Aviv law office, 03-256380.

IT keypress operator required for Peleg Industries, 03-741113, 03-382883.

Secretary, practical experience in bookkeeping, full time, 37719216.

Tel Aviv communications company requires intelligent young person, absolute mastery of English + translation ability, good English typing, taken preferred, work in young, pleasant company for suitable, 03-253338.

Tel Aviv travel agency requires department secretary, typist, dictation, English-Hebrew, work, 08.00-13.00; 15.30-18.00, Ilan, 03-650852.

Two portable Motorola typewriters, relay in Tel Aviv transmission, 03-984665, 03-984628.

Young person for general clerical work, 03-229072.

Electronics firm requires English typist, full command of English (mother tongue), 5 days weekly, full time. Apply to Astronics, POB 882, Beit Kari, 03-784222.

Hi-tech firm requires secretary, high school graduate, after army, fluent in Hebrew and English typing, Sundays-Thursday, 07.30-17.30. Apply to Astronics, POB 882, Beit Kari, 03-784222.

Large import agency company of new materials and equipment for the textile industry, requires secretaries/assistants for marketing, full time, 6 days weekly, full command of English including drafting, typing spoken and written English (preferably mother tongue), higher education an asset, experience and knowledge in import procedures an asset, ability to create good personal communication, ability to work under pressure, good terms for suitable, secrecy assured, 03-600147-8-9.

Secretary required + bookkeeping knowledge, full time, 03-68774, 03-67323, Aviva.

Secretary required, experienced in wordprocessing, lawyer's office, 03-611461.

Accountant's office requires experienced clerk, full time, 03-226007.

Lawyer's office in Tel Aviv requires English secretary, 03-203122.

Metal factory in

Textile export company requires sewing workshop manager, experienced in textile products. Tel Aviv, 03-5211212.

Yehuda Dor, seeks caterer for small quality catering, special models. 19 Yehuda Dor, 03-661404.

Dani Shalev, Bnei Brak requires Overlock and Singer machines, excellent conditions. 03-5211212.

Fashion house, salon and delicate fashion seamstress; cutters help; seamstress for handwork. 03-5211212.

Knitwear factory requires presser + knitter on flat machines; good conditions. 03-5211212.

Situations Wanted

License clerk, Ashdod resident, vast experience in goods clearance, customs, bonded warehouses, seeking suitable administrative work, Ashdod preferred. POB 6662, Ashdod for No. 2.

Immediate, seeking elegant salesperson for new business, Ramat Gan, previous experience preferred. 03-446884.

Knitwear factory accepting knitting and sewing work, guaranteed work. 03-5211212, evenings, not Shabbat.

Manager, marketing, 47, 10 years in managerial experience in developing countries, English and Spanish. 03-494857.

Self-employed, 35, organizational and management skills, willing to try nearly any field for appropriate return. Contact Gila, POB 4248, Jerusalem.

Business

Organizing acquisition of hotel, investors from MIS 1500, POB 18160, Jerusalem, students, housekeepers as distributors.

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North Tel Aviv, in architect's office, room + roof, separate entrance, monthly rent, \$125. 463995, 03-30-14-30.

North, 4/5, possibly divided, waiting room, phone lines. Haifa, 245633.

Rental, office in brand new building, 60sq.m., 112 De Rech Petah Tikva, Tel Aviv, front, lift, 6 phone lines, \$300 per month. 03-441845.

Rental, offices, 8 rooms, phone lines, Nahariya; 12 rooms + basement, near Center, phone lines. 03-295303.

Rental, 47 rooms, Tel Aviv. 03-611992-3, 03-41798.

Bar Yarm, commercial area, 3 room office, phone, 03-589726, 03-402668.

For rent, central Tel Aviv, 270-280sq.m., air-conditioned, furnished, \$37 per sq.m. Refael Realty, 03-769862.

For rent, north and central Tel Aviv, 180sq.m., partitioned and air-conditioned, Refael Realty, 03-769862.

Kiryat Arich, 100sq.m. building, ground floor, phone, power. 03-751788.

Levanda, 24sq.m. shop for sale + gallery. 03-31856.

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Mixed feelings among Rome Jews over Pope's visit

By LISA PALMIERI-BILLIG and HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Correspondents

ROME. — Pope John Paul II's impending visit to the Rome synagogue has engendered mixed feelings in the ancient Jewish community. In spite of their chief rabbi's assurance that the visit to the Rome synagogue will mark a significant step forward in Catholic-Jewish relations, the Jewish community here is looking on the event with more scepticism than hope.

The pope's visit will "usher in a new era in Catholic-Jewish relations, as the first truly historical event since the Second Ecumenical Council," says Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff. It will engender a new sense of "respect, equality and esteem towards the people from whom Christianity draws its origins."

But scepticism over what can come of the visit abounds, based on painful memories, both personal and historic, of the Jewish community's treatment at the hands of the Church. Some 80 per cent of Rome's Jews are shop and boutique owners, descendants of the rag peddlars who lived with sunset to sunrise curfews in a ghetto imposed on them by the Church until 1870. Later, they were forced to attend sermons in "ghetto churches" and, on occasion, to witness the forced conversion of their children.

On the synagogue's exterior are plaques commemorating the 8,000 Italian Jews — over a quarter of whom were from Rome — who perished in Nazi death camps while the Church by and large looked on. Today, in the eyes of many of Rome's Jews, the Vatican's refusal to recognize Israel overshadows all its efforts to reach out to world Jewry through such gestures as the pope's visit.

"The pope in our synagogue — when I heard, I was very happy," said a young Sephardi woman of Egyptian ancestry. "I thought, how beautiful. Now all the priests in the world may make the pope an example and convey a new respect for the Jewish faith and people to their congregations. Anti-Semitic feelings will die out."

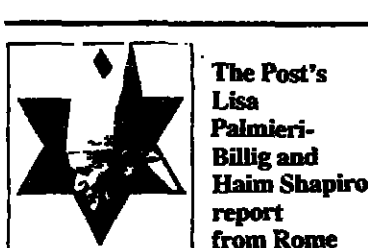


The Rome synagogue to be visited by the pope on Sunday. (UPI)

"But then my friends made me reflect. The Vatican still doesn't recognize Israel. To me, Israel is like a mother. How can the pope come to my home and not recognize my mother? He makes me feel offended for her."

On the religious level, there is another issue still unresolved. John Paul II has received more Jews than any pope before him and has made many moving references to the Holocaust. But his theology of the Old Testament, as expressed in his homilies and in Vatican documents not directly related to Christian-Jewish relations, contains frequent lapses into concepts of Judaism that are at odds with the principles laid down by *Nostra Aetate* and the later documents on Christian-Jewish relations promulgated by the Holy See's Commission for Religious Relations with Jews.

Many Jewish leaders feel that John Paul's undoubtedly sincere message of warmth to the Jewish



The Post's Lisa Palmieri-Billig and Haim Shapiro report from Rome

people is undermined by his own (or his advisers') theological conditioning and by the Vatican's failure to extend diplomatic recognition to Israel. It is an open secret that the pope consults with experts in writing his speeches.

Nevertheless, expectations are running high that the pope's address to the Roman Jewish community next Sunday, guided by concepts developed in the work of the Holy See's Commission for Religious Relations with Jews, will amply compensate for these recent lapses. The

Jews of Rome also hope that there will be specific references to the Vatican's responsibility in maintaining ghetto life and ghetto theology until such a late date. The pope almost always reviews the history of the places and peoples he visits.

Another underlying preoccupation concerns the Carmelite convent in Auschwitz, established in 1984 but only recently publicized. Toaff sent a letter on this to John Paul a few weeks ago, signed by the chief rabbis of Britain, France, Strasbourg, Zurich and Romania, asking the pope to reconsider his support of the convent.

The rabbis of Europe, Toaff wrote, believe that Auschwitz's "desecrated and cursed" territory should not be the site of a religious institution. There has not yet been a reply from the Vatican.

Despite, or perhaps because of, the mixed feelings associated with the pope's visit, everyone wants to

be invited. Space within the synagogue is very limited, and a huge crowd is expected to block traffic outside the building, which is in the heart of Rome, bordered by the Tiber on one side, and the old ghetto and Piazza Venezia on the other. Of the 900 seats available, 300 will go to regular members of the Rome Jewish community on a first-come first-served basis. Another 100 will be occupied by the press, and the rest will be representatives of various Jewish organizations, schools and youth groups, Holocaust survivors, diplomats, and leaders of non-Jewish groups with close ties to the community.

A clutch of Jewish and Christian leaders and groups have attempted to take credit for helping to bring about the papal visit. In truth, the first talk of such a visit came up at a meeting between the pope and Rome's chief rabbi at a church and near the ghetto in February 1981. From that moment on, people started asking, "If there, why not in the synagogue?"

Monsignor Clemente Riva, auxiliary bishop of Rome, seems to have been the one who finally broached the idea to John Paul.

"I made the suggestion to the pope of his coming to visit the synagogue one day early [last] February, and was pleasantly surprised at how quickly and easily the pope accepted. It took him only a few days to decide," says Bishop Riva.

Born in a town near Bergamo, Bishop Riva had his first contacts with Jews during the war when he helped a group of them to cross the border into Switzerland. In 1982, as president of the Ecumenical Commission of the Rome Diocese, he issued a document on interfaith relations which contained an important chapter on Roman Jews. Ever since, he says, he has felt a calling to teach Christians their Jewish historical and religious roots. During last October's Synod of Bishops, he sponsored a petition by Catholics asking the Church to issue a request for forgiveness from the Jews. "But the times were not ripe," he says, perhaps confirming some of Roman Jewry's scepticisms.



The executive director of the U.S. Catholic Office for Pilgrimages, the Rev. John E. Lazar, with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Closer Catholic ties with Jews and Israel predicted

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The visit on Sunday by Pope John Paul II to the Rome synagogue may be the prelude to a vast movement within the Catholic Church to seek closer ties with Jews, according to an American Catholic cleric.

Reverend John Lazar, executive director of the U.S. Catholic Office for Pilgrimages, who is currently in Israel to lay the foundations for a massive Catholic pilgrimage from America, said this week that the pontiff's presence in the synagogue will be "a very powerful event which should not be overlooked."

Lazar, whose office was set up a year ago at the pope's request, is interested in persuading as many as possible of America's more than 60 million Catholics to come to Israel to discover their Judaic roots.

At meetings with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and with Father Ignazio Mancini, custos (head) of the Franciscans in the Holy Land, Lazar was assured of full cooperation. Invitations to American Catholics to visit Jerusalem will include letters from both men. "We

are inviting American Catholics not to be held hostage by fear of terrorism," Lazar told *The Jerusalem Post*.

His goal is to inspire a "pilgrimage of peace for the world" to begin on January 6 next year, coinciding with the Feast of Epiphany, which for Catholics commemorates the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. From Jerusalem the pilgrimage will move to Rome and then to the birthplace in central Italy of St. Francis of Assisi.

Lazar, who is on his second visit to Israel, acknowledged that his greatest challenge would be to overcome the apprehensions that so many Americans have about travelling to the Middle East and Europe. Visiting Israel is safer, he maintained, than crossing 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue in Manhattan. "The security in Israel is probably the best I've seen anywhere."

Confident that American Catholics will respond in large numbers to a call to participate in a peace pilgrimage, Lazar argued that "there's a point where you have to do something visible for peace."

Former envoy tells of meetings with French premier

Jacques Chirac, a friend of Israel and the Arab people

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

France's new Prime Minister Jacques Chirac numbers among his admirers the man who was Israel's ambassador in Paris the last time the Gaullist leader was premier: Mordechai Gazit. "Chirac is easy to approach, open-minded — not a stuffed shirt," he recalled in an interview.

Gazit was appointed to Paris in 1975. France had close relations with the oil-rich Arab world at the time, which did not make his job any easier. "Chirac was particularly friendly with Saddam Hussein, then Iraq's vice-president. The French had built a nuclear reactor in Baghdad [later bombed by the Israelis]."

"He was the first Western prime minister to visit the Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi, in 1976. The cause may have been Libya's intervention in Chad, but that did not make his trip any more welcome to us. Claude Cheysson, then French representative to the EEC, stated outright that his country's trade links with the Arab Middle East were more important than its trade links with the U.S."

Yet at the time of Entebbe, on the first evening after the July 1976 hijack, "My telephone rang close to midnight. It was the premier himself, cutting through procedural red tape. He told me that Sudanese President Ja'afar Numeiri, then

visiting France, had been approached by Ugandan President Idi Amin for help in contacting an Israeli called Borka [nickname for Aluf Mishne Baruch Bar-Lev, who had headed a military mission in Kampala]. Chirac said, 'I heard this from Numeiri and am passing it on to you — for what it's worth.' Gazit's first face-to-face conversation with Chirac — other than the ceremonial meeting when he presented his credentials — was after the Frenchman had resigned the premiership in 1977. Gazit called on him at party headquarters in the Tour Montparnasse.

Chirac went straight to the point, as usual. "Before you speak, I want to tell you something. I'm sure you think as they all do that I'm pro-Arab and anti-Israeli. Well that is just a slander, it isn't remotely true."

"When I was prime minister I heard one day over the radio, while I was in the shower, that France had recognized the PLO and allowed it to open an office in Paris. I was astounded, it had not been discussed in the cabinet. After drying myself I phoned the Elysée." The then president, Giscard d'Estaing, had made the decision on his own.

Chirac admitted to cultivating Saddam Hussein, but there was no harm in it, he said, not for France, the West or for Israel. Gazit took him up on that: "If you are a friend with the man," he proposed, "you can do us a favour. One reason why

Hafez Assad of Syria will not let the Jews leave his country is that Saddam Hussein would blast him for it. If you can persuade the Iraqi to keep his mouth shut, that would help us a lot."

"I'll go further," Chirac reportedly replied. "I have an invitation from the Syrian ambassador to visit Damascus. I haven't accepted it so far but, you know what? I'll tell him that I'm ready to come — provided Assad makes a concession over Jewish emigration." The concession was not forthcoming, and the visit did not take place.

Hard to believe? According to Gazit, "Moshe Dayan, then foreign minister, was sceptical when I told him, until he came to Paris on a visit in 1979. I took him to the Hotel de Ville. Chirac was then mayor, and he repeated the story of his aborted visit to Damascus. Dayan was staggered that Chirac — admittedly while out of office — had turned down a visit to the Syrian capital because of the Jewish problem there."

"The first foreign mayor that Chirac invited in his new post (after the traditional courtesy call by the Lord Mayor of London) was Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem — and that was against the wish of the Quai d'Orsay, as Chirac made no bones about pointing out."

"To show how kindly he was to us, I must tell about our Israeli school in Paris, then called the Moshe Sharret School. It was lodged in a small



Jacques Chirac (AFP)



Mordechai Gazit (Rubinger)

building and had outgrown the space available. We had to find other premises. I wrote to the mayor — who else?"

"He invited me round. After hearing the problem he offered me two rooms elsewhere as extra accommodation. I told him that was no good, if only for security reasons. The children had to be together."

"After some thought, he proposed a prefabricated building free of charge for erection in the school yard. But — he warned me — the Israeli school was located in Neuilly, a borough outside his jurisdiction. The area was an elegant one, ecology-conscious. I approached the mayor of Neuilly, who said no, he

could not allow such an unsightly arrangement.

"Back to the mayor of Paris, who did not give up. After a few days he found a vacant lot, which again he gave us for nothing. Thanks to a generous Jewish donor we were able to build a new school on the land Chirac had donated to us."

Gazit sums up: "Chirac's spontaneity seemed more American than French. He had studied in the States as a young man and covered his expenses by driving a taxi. Maybe that is where he picked up his non-European informality. As he told me once: 'It's because I'm a friend — of the Arabs, that I can allow myself to be so friendly with you as well.'"

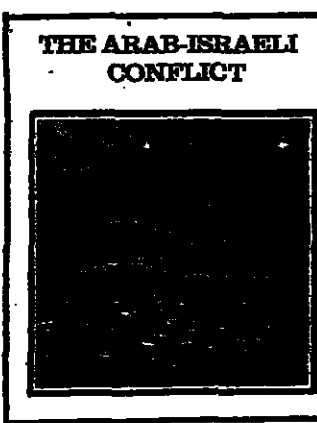
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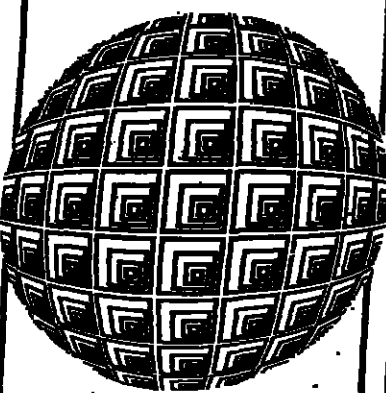
A pocket-size electronic dictionary is now on sale in the U.S. at a recommended price \$69.95. The size of a pocket calculator, it can translate 4,000 different words from English to French, Spanish or German, according to the model you select. It is operated by pressing a button with the first letter of the word, and quickly going through the words in the memory. You stop at the desired word and ask for a translation; many words are translated into multiple meanings. Models of that size which directly translate typed-in words are not yet available but inevitably will be on the market.

A NOVEL way to safely store, transport and supply hydrogen gas has been developed by Hebrew University scientists. The non-polluting gas is an essential component in many industrial processes, such as the manufacture of ammonia for nitrogenous fertilizers and hydrogenation of vegetable oils to make margarine. It is also an ideal fuel, because it burns with great heat yet produces a residue of pure water. It is, however, very light and highly flammable, and thus has not yet replaced petrol for fuel use.

Hydrogen gas cylinders must be handled carefully and a 50-kilo metal cylinder can hold only 600 grams of the gas. Storing the gas in this way is very expensive and costs 100 times more than the cost of producing it. Liquefied hydrogen is even more expensive to store and handle.

Dr. Yoel Sasson, H. Weiner and N. Zakmanov of the Faculty of Science's school of applied science and technology have developed a safe and inexpensive system. Sodium formate, a hydrogen-containing compound in the form of a white powder, is stable, non-corrosive and

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safe to transport. If a catalyst is introduced, it breaks down into ordinary baking soda and hydrogen. This reaction takes place at low temperatures and at atmospheric pressure, and is not dangerous.

The baking powder (sodium bicarbonate) can even be recycled easily to produce more sodium formate.

Large factories are needed to produce sodium formate, but these plants could be part of large industrial complexes, such as for upgrading low-grade coal or power plants where industrial gases containing hydrogen are made. The hydrogen could be combined with sodium bicarbonate to produce the needed compound.

The HU researchers believe hydrogen could also be used to run cars, as cooking gas at home or as an alternative power source, if the right equipment were available. The Yissum Research and Development Company of the university is looking for companies interested in developing this system on a commercial basis.

YOU CAN carry up to 800 pages of your written medical records on a single slip of plastic the size of a plain credit card. Trials of the Lifeguard have begun in the U.S., according to the *London Observer*. It can even include X-ray pictures. The Lifeguard is especially useful for patients too ill to speak, providing valuable medical details of drug allergies or previous illnesses and thus saving lives.

The information is elicited from the card through a computer and a laser unit, which could be installed in hospitals or even in the back of an ambulance.

A number of non-medical applications has also been considered, including putting employee records on personal cards, a high-security identification card system and electronic publishing.

"PRIMITIVE" peoples often hang garlands of garlic around the necks of sick people. It may not do much good except in keeping "evil spirits" away, but Houston scientists think garlic can help prevent cancer.

Michael Vargowitz of the Cancer Institute in Houston has isolated the oil contained in garlic and tested it on animals in the lab. Mice injected with carcinogens were also given garlic extracts, and instead of dying, they lived and remained healthy. Garlic has been used previously to treat skin cancer, but never before on internal organs. The research is part of efforts to uncover the possible preventive effects of natural substances.

IMF offer of easy loans

WASHINGTON (AP). - About \$3 billion will be available for loans to 58 countries at almost no interest over the next five years if they take steps to improve their incomes and debt payments, the International Monetary Fund has announced.

The 14 governments that own the World Bank and fund are discussing contributions to the bank's interna-

tional development association for the three years beginning in July 1987. It makes loans to most of the same countries on similar terms, except that the loans need not be repaid for 50 years.

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On the edge of bankruptcy

Workers at Vulcan Foundries balk at bid to cut guaranteed benefits

By DAVID RUDGE / Jerusalem Post Reporter

FOR SEVERAL years, Vulcan Foundries has been teetering on the edge of bankruptcy while its workers continued to enjoy relatively high wages and bountiful fringe benefits.

Now Vulcan's owners, the Urdan Company, say they cannot afford to give employees the same perks they received when the firm was owned by the Histadrut's Koor concern.

The dispute over pay and conditions between management and labour is the main reason why the strike at the bayside factory is still dragging on after more than six weeks.

Originally, the 230 workers, with the full backing of the Haifa Labour Council, went on strike to press for higher compensation than that offered by management for 13 sacked colleagues.

However, that dispute was resolved some weeks ago. Now, the bone of contention centres on management's demands to cut worker-related expenses by around 20 per cent, instead of dismissing more employees.

The employees, for their part, are understandably reluctant to take a cut in the benefits guaranteed them under the old Koor works agreement which is binding on the new owners until 1990. These "extras" include gifts of food and household goods, as well as vouchers to purchase products from Koor retail outlets.

According to Vulcan's general manager Alex Ferling, the fringe benefits alone add up to nearly \$100 per worker per month, while the cost to the employer, after paying taxes, is around \$150 per employee each month.

He contends that it was the high wage bill, including financing the perks, coupled with overstaffing and under-employment which brought about the firm's financial distress and near collapse.

UNDER KOOR, the factory had been losing money since the early 1970s. By 1984, prior to the takeover by Urdan, Vulcan's losses were running at nearly \$6 million a year - a figure that represented 60 per cent of the firm's turnover.

"At that time there were nearly 500 people employed at the plant and the wage bill came to 85 per cent of sales income," said Ferling in a recent interview with *The Jerusalem Post*.

Before buying the foundries for \$14 million, Urdan insisted on a drastic reduction in the work force. Koor agreed and the number of employees was cut to 386. The new management has since streamlined the labour force to its present level of 230.

"It wasn't just a question of too little work for too many people. Some of the employees had simply outgrown the habit of working and most of the production was performed by a handful of Arabs from the territories and 40 sub-contractors," said Ferling.

"When we took over two years ago there were still people here who expected to be able to carry on as before. One man did yoga all day in the changing rooms, another used his time profitably to sell eggs, while others after clocking in, left the factory to go and do shopping or whatever. You can't run a business like that."

"Either Koor management didn't care or it was afraid to take action against the workers and the financial situation of the company continued to deteriorate."

Ferling said that despite the mounting losses, the workers continued to receive annual pay rises and the company even paid for them to spend weekends in hotels. "I remember one of the first things the workers asked of me when I took over as general manager was to finance an organized picnic for them. I simply said that the company could not afford it. You can understand why Koor was happy to sell out," he added.

Why then, given the financial situation, overstaffing and the attitude of the workers, did Urdan go ahead with the takeover?

The answer, according to Ferling, was threefold. "Urdan's existing foundry in Netanya had reached the limit of its capacity and the company either had to go in for a major expansion, or buy Vulcan where new equipment had recently been installed. At the same time, Vulcan was a competitor, which was undercutting prices by up to 40 per cent just to keep the factory and its workers employed."

"Urdan also had experience in taking over floundering industrial concerns, revitalizing them, and

turning them into profitable businesses."

FERLING maintained that this is the salient difference between a union-owned firm, which has to take into account the workers' interests in all its business operations, and a private company.

"Our philosophy is to have a profitable business. We don't keep on workers for the sake of it and then go cap-in-hand to the government for help," he said.

"If a firm is not viable, it has to be changed and if that doesn't work, it is closed down. Similarly if there is insufficient work for employees then cuts have to be made. If somebody is not prepared to work at all, then there is no room for him."

Ferling cited the problems of Hevrat HaOvdim companies, saying it was a case of the chickens coming home to roost. "Solel Boneh's troubles did not happen overnight, or in the last year. If capacity is 10 times that of optimal demand, then obviously the operations including the number of workers, have to be streamlined."

"In the case of Solel Boneh, the writing was on the wall several years ago but steps were not taken then to prepare for the future. We all know the result," he said.

"Our conception is simple and makes good business sense. Be as

efficient as possible, check all investments thoroughly and regularly assess market trends to plan for the future.

"A healthy and profitable business is good for the workers as well as the owners. No company, however big, can stand losses indefinitely, and in such cases it is the workers who suffer at the end of the day."

Ferling said that by applying Urdan's principles and concentrating on export-oriented products, Vulcan's annual losses had been cut to \$1.5 million a year and future prospects were bright - despite a drop in orders for civilian and military products on the home market.

"We believe that by further cutting our overhead, we will be able to steer through the next two difficult years and then the market will pick up. For the time being, however, things are still tough and there will have to be sacrifices made by the workers to ensure their own and the factory's working future," he added.

Vulcan Foundries workers fringe benefits:

- An annual gift comprising - 63 bars of Hawaii soap, 30 kilos of sugar, 21 kilos of washing powder, Six towels, Six large cans (200 grams) of instant coffee, 600 packets of tea, Six vests, Six pairs of socks, One sweater and a coat (once every two years), Vouchers to buy clothes (once every three years), Daily milk allowance, Extra overtime bonus (in addition to overtime pay) of vouchers for Sol-Koor shops, Vouchers for non-absenteeism.

Rise and fall of Sheinkin Street

Residents blame Tel Aviv policies for pulling the plug on 'Greenwich Village'

By MICHAL YUDELMAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter

things - oriental restaurants like Abu Shukri and East European ones like Tnuva, dried fruit and spices, lace and trimmings.... Finally, there's the institution called Cafe Tamar, patronized by the City's literary set.

A couple of fashionable boutiques opened by aspiring dress designers, two new bookshops and an avant-garde minimalist plastic gadget shop - first called Plastic Plus and now called Cactus - actually made the street look younger.

Then there were two consecutive Purim carnivals, which attracted crowds of revellers in fancy dress from far and near. At night, Tel Avivians came to hobnob in the Sheinkins gallery-cafe and drink in the new pub Beit Marzeah.

But then something went wrong. Most of the new galleries and some of the shops closed down. The pub was hassled by the police and municipal authorities every time it stayed open past midnight. The city's nightbirds, who never leave home before midnight, had to find other drinking holes and wandered off. Sheinkin seemed to slip back into its dusty snooze. At night it was empty again. Purim came and went this year without the carnival, which everyone had

hoped would become a neighbourhood tradition.

However, Project Manager Ya'acov Rosenman told *The Jerusalem Post* that Sheinkin Street is part of the Heart of Tel Aviv project and that it is progressing satisfactorily.

If certain galleries or shops in Sheinkin closed down, it was purely for economic reasons, and had nothing to do with the project. "The main thing is that we've managed to stop the 'draining' of residents from the heart of the city and have achieved a gradual comeback. Interest in the project and the financial help offered residents here is growing. We've also stopped the increase of offices in the area and have driven many of them away," Rosenman said.

Rosenman explained that the city is focusing on turning the area into a residential quarter, and the residents must be considered at all times. So while singles and the younger set may be upset at the pub's early closing hours, the city must consider the convenience of the residents living above the pub as well.

Merchants, whose initiative to hold weekly bazaars in the little Sheinkin park fell on deaf municipal

ears, lost interest in living up the street. Increasing parking problems and heavy traffic made it an inconvenient shopping area.

"The rise of Sheinkin Street was an illusion, a public relations bluff, an artificial 'boom' which could not survive on its own steam," one resident explained. The "rise," he said, was not a result of commercial success like at the Ayalon shopping mall. Sheinkin did not become a shopping street, it failed to bring shoppers from other places and businesses closed down.

"The question is not why wasn't there a Purim carnival this year, but why was there one the past two years? Because a group of people organized it and put in huge efforts. But they could not carry the whole street on their shoulders. When no help came from the authorities, they gave up," other residents say. Sarah Stern, owner of Cafe Tamar, said all the publicity in the world couldn't help Sheinkin Street as long as no parking was available and the traffic so heavy no-one could even cross the street. Other Sheinkin business owners fear that the new Nahalat Binyamin walking mall - now under construction - will take away even the few shoppers left.

All the shop owners resent the city's sudden neglect of the street, after all the fanfare about renovating the heart of Tel Aviv. All that remains, they point out, are the shop windows of real estate agents (closed most of the time) covered with notices of rooms or apartments to let.

The city also made a mistake when it offered help and support only to couples, totally ignoring single people, who are willing to invest time and effort into facilitating the street. Couples and young families are reluctant to move to a place where buildings are crumbling and

schools and kindergartens have mostly closed.

Singles, however, are more involved with their community and social projects, more willing to devote time and organize projects. It's the singles who put life back into Sheinkin, but they cannot do it all alone.

Sheinkin Street activists complain that the city "imposes" projects on them without consulting with them. For instance, "ugly" lamps were put into the Sheinkin Park, whose trees were uprooted as part of its "renovation." The residents happened to like the little park as it was. "They don't want stark stone floors and stone benches in a park. But the city, which had found a contributor insisted. "They didn't have to destroy the existing park just because someone wanted to contribute money. They could have enlarged it, or planted more flowers in it," residents say.

Perhaps Sheinkin Street was not yet ripe for "rising," suggests resident Ori Balsam, a book translator. "People got tired. Small new businesses cannot hold out for more than a year, waiting for customers."

Balsam explains that while young, artsy people of the Bohemian set adore Sheinkin, the street doesn't really have a commercial basis to turn it into a thriving shopping street. People who want heavy shopping or family entertainment will go to one of the shopping malls or Dizengoff. The one thing which really hit the spot and could have been a great success was Beit Marzeah, which had the makings of becoming a real neighbourhood pub. But the city and police clamped down on it and that was that.

If Sheinkin is ever to become fashionable and popular, it will be a gradual process, based on economic infrastructure and commerce. Such things cannot be achieved overnight, by means of public relations, Balsam asserts.

Sheinkin is still a great little street and many of its residents secretly hope it will remain undiscovered to most Tel Avivians. Others have not lost hope that Sheinkin will live again.

American anti-trust laws - an unpredictable nightmare

By VICTOR SMART / London

NO ONE will ever know what those American legislators who first passed the country's anti-trust laws would have made of their contemporary use against foreign companies. At the time, the clear danger was marauding tycoons such as Rockefeller who were strong-arming their way to cartels in key domestic industries.

In America before the First World War, it was never envisaged that these laws to curb monopolies would be used as a weapon against overseas business.

But it was, perhaps, inevitable that their geographical scope would widen beyond the frontiers of the United States as American power grew and grew. The question for those on the receiving end is how fiercely the unilateral application of the U.S.'s anti-trust laws, its courts, its procedures, including the claimed jurisdiction over persons and documents in foreign countries should be resisted.

The most celebrated (or notorious) extra-territorial use of anti-trust has been the suit by a British company - which had collapsed - Laker Airways against a group of other airlines, including British Airways. With a timetable to privatize British Airways, the British Government could not afford to call the contingency fee lawyers' bluff and allow the case to drag through the U.S. courts. To get the suit off their backs, British Airways was permitted to stump up \$50 million in an out of court settlement with no admis-

sion of guilt. Little wonder then at the British rage when further peripheral anti-trust suits surrounding Laker last month forced the indefinite postponement on the British Airways flotation.

How you perceive this depends entirely on where you are standing. To the U.S. Department of Justice, no doubt, it is a consistent application of American law. Foreign airlines trade in the U.S. and, by implication, accept the jurisdiction of American commercial law over them.

To a European observer the matter looks very different and the issues are far, far wider.

AT THE very least, even an American would have to admit that the export of anti-trust is not very 'neighbourly.' With the triple damages that can be awarded by U.S. anti-trust suits, the whole process is, to European eyes, an expensive and unpredictable nightmare. What has left Europeans vexed and perplexed is that they have been told that the anti-trust laws take precedence over bilateral treaties negotiated at the highest level, government-to-government, on air services between their countries and the U.S. How, they ask, are they ever to get an assurance that any of their airlines will not be unfairly persecuted at any time under these laws?

That is the narrow issue. The broader one is what the overseas

jurisdiction the U.S. is claiming for its anti-trust laws says about the extent of American power. This quarrel is not taking place in a vacuum but against the backdrop of rumbling discontent about American *bona fides*.

Is the rule of the *Lex Americana* part of that pervasive American influence often viewed resentfully as a form of insidious multi-faceted American imperialism?

The anti-trust issue has blown up at a time when many Europeans harbour doubts about American intentions on the exchange of technology, for example, The Pentagon's attempt to vet the use of ordinary commercial American-built computers in countries such as Britain and its bid to exclude foreign nationals from high-technology seminars smacks of an abuse of a dominant position.

Will the U.S. share the fruits of its Star Wars technology with its allies? If it does refuse to disseminate the knowledge, Europeans will have legitimate fears that America has grasped a remarkable technological lead which could be used with devastating effect in a war of attrition against its industrial competitors.

The whole issue really does depend on which side of the Atlantic you stand. But the Europeans can be forgiven for seeing the anti-trust laws, once a laudable instrument against over-aggressive individual businessmen, as a weapon now in danger of being abused by a state.

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MUNICIPALITY OF HERZLIYA Tender No. 6400-06/86 07-86-12P THE ISRAEL SEWAGE PROJECT

The Municipality of Herzliya invites contractors to submit bids for the supply, erection and operation of mechanical and electrical equipment and pipework, valves and fittings for a Dissolved Air Flotation Thickener for the Herzliya Sewage Treatment Plant.

Tender Documents and Forms of Tender can be obtained against payment of NIS 200 (nonreturnable) at the Office of the Secretary, Herzliya Municipality, 2 Hanadiv Street, Herzliya.

Prospective bidders should submit their bids in two copies on the forms to be supplied to them and in compliance with the Conditions of the Tender. Bids accompanied by a bank guarantee of 5% of the total, valid for a period ending 120 days from the last date set for the submission of bids, must be mailed by registered mail in a sealed envelope to the Office of the Municipality, 2 Hanadiv Street, Herzliya, to arrive not later than 5.6.86.

Terms of payment: as specified in the Tender Document. Bids may be submitted by manufacturers of equipment or by authorized agents, and also by contractors who have been prequalified and notified to that effect. Contractors registered in the "List of Qualified Contractors" issued by the Ministry of Finance may also participate.

A site inspection tour for the Contractors will be held on 21 April 1986, in Herzliya Sewage Treatment Plant at 9 a.m.

The Tender Board is not bound to accept the lowest or any bid for the entire Tender or parts thereof.

E. Landman, Mayor
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MARKET PLACE

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Tackling foreign risk

The Israel Foreign Trade Risks Insurance Corporation (Iftrac) is one of the class of government companies that can't be sold off or otherwise disposed of. It fulfills a function that private insurance firms cannot or will not take on - covering the risk that goods or services sold by Israeli firms to overseas corporations will not be paid for.

In principle, there is a risk in selling to Cohen-round-the-corner too, not just to Smith, Schmidt or van der Smid. But with a local customer, there are various ways of getting him to cough up, including the legal system. There is also much more information on the financial health of local firms than on foreign ones.

Furthermore, when dealing with foreign customers, there are two distinct elements of risk. In addition to your common-or-garden commercial risk - that your buyer will go bust or disappear - there is the matter of political risk. This can be summed up in one example, for Israeli exporters in particular: Khomenei. This means that the risks associated with exporting to many countries whose political or financial stability are open to doubt, are very great. So great, that for many companies they make the whole deal not worthwhile.

For if a company, after making efforts to produce a product, sends it off to foreign buyers only to discover that Lopez's government is not allowing any more foreign exchange out of the country, that Azkizian is not allowed to trade with Israel any more, that Colonel Bikiwanu was shot in a coup yesterday, or that the whole town in which the buyer's plant was situated was swallowed up in an earthquake - in any of these cases, it is in deep trouble.

The risks, in fact, are so complex that most governments, including those of the U.S., Britain, West Germany, France and most leading industrial countries, have all set up their own insurance firms to protect their exporters.

Iftrac has been in business since 1958, but its experience has been enriched by the recent problems of international trade. The Khomenei revolution in Iran dealt a savage blow to many Israeli companies, who had been doing good business there for years, and cost Iftrac heavily in claims - some of which are being repaid. Then came the collapse of the Nigerian economy and the South American debt crisis, with their attendant woes (Solei Boneh, et al), many of which were rolled over to Iftrac.

It must have been a relief, therefore, for Iftrac staff, to see a sharp drop in the volume of claims for the year ended March 31, 1986. In both the political and commercial claims categories, the amounts paid out were less than half of those in 1984/85. Political claims paid totalled \$5.7 million in the year just ended, against \$19.9m. in 1984/85. Recoveries on claims paid fell less steeply, from \$1.9m. to \$1.5m., while the amount of political claims outstanding on the company's books was \$5.6m.

On the commercial side, claims paid fell from \$3.3m. to \$1.5m., while recoveries held steady at \$0.2m. However, the amount of pending claims at the end of March 1986 was \$7.4m., more than the figure for political claims.

The reasons for this improvement are various. In the first place, Israeli exporters have learned the hard way that caution is needed - for Iftrac only covers 80 per cent of any risk, at the most. This, and the general trade policy of the government, has shifted the focus of exporters' efforts to the less risky areas of the world, primarily, North America and Western Europe.

Iftrac executives also report that, as regards Israel, too, there has been an improvement in how the market regards us. The factor known as "Israel risk," meaning the amount of exposure foreign bankers are prepared to accept toward Israel, has been mitigated by the achievements of the government in bringing down inflation.

In one respect, though, it is unfortunate that Iftrac must remain a government company. Anyone seeking to know whether it made a loss or profit in 1985/86 - or even 1984/85, - will be disappointed. No results have been published, nor will they be. The company simply has no board of directors. Owned by the government and affiliated to the Ministry of Industry and Trade, it is at the mercy of the politicians. They, as in so many other cases, cannot agree between themselves whom to appoint to what job.



The million-dollar Hanukkah lamp

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A silver Hanukkah lamp reputed to have been the personal possession of the great eighteenth century Hassidic leader, Rabbi Levi Yitzhak of Berdichev, will be auctioned at Binyanei Ha'uma in Jerusalem on May 7. It will be on display before the auction at the International Judaica Fair at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel.

Abraham Frohlich, president of the Society of Judaica Collectors, believes that the Hanukkah could fetch up to \$1 million. Levi Yitzhak was renowned for the joyful fervor of his prayers and when travelling throughout Poland to spread the teachings of Hassidism, would take his menorah with him.

The Hanukkah is believed to be the work of Jewish artisans, though it was much more common at the time for non-Jews to be commissioned to create Jewish ceremonial art.

Rabbi Levi Yitzhak is said to have left the lamp to a family, whose descendants now live in Rehovot. The family, which for the time being wishes to remain anonymous, has maintained its Hassidic heritage.

Judaica collectors until now were uncertain about the fate of Levi Yitzhak's menorah and many had been searching for years for either information or the lamp itself. The item is 18cm in length, 4cm in width and 7cm in height. It bears an inscription which is assumed to have been engraved by Levi Yitzhak's followers after his death.

Changes in car insurance rates

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

A new arrangement that will simplify the calculation of car insurance premiums (property value only) will go into force on July 1, Capital Market and Insurance Commissioner Yehuda Dror said yesterday.

The new system will initially not reduce premium rates, but will prevent the insurance companies from offering preferred clients large discounts on their policies, which practice was in the past made possible by the large premiums paid by all car owners.

From July 1 every vehicle will be classified according to one of 50 groups defining its premium. Premiums will be adjusted in accordance with increases in the Consumer Price Index and the prices charged by garages. The Treasury will control the amounts of discounts which companies will be permitted to grant.

In the past, the companies calculated premiums not only on the basis of a car's value, but also according to its age. This practice is to be discontinued, since according to the Treasury it created certain distortions in the structure of premiums.

Free market value of Egyptian pound hits new low

CAIRO (Reuters). - The free market value of the Egyptian pound hit a new low of 2.00 pounds to the dollar, a 13 per cent depreciation in less than a week.

Bankers speculated that the drop was caused by an abnormal rush for the dollar by importers. The businessmen are trying to hoard goods before a series of new government measures raising taxes on imported consumer goods comes into effect in June.

The free market is the traditional source of foreign exchange for importers, but traders reported a severe dollar shortage.

The government last week imposed higher tariffs on luxury consumer goods. This was designed to rationalize imports and release hard currency to repay a foreign debt of over \$30 billion and rectify a trade deficit of nearly seven billion dollars.

Government slow to divest itself of staff

By TSUPI KUPER

Fewer than three quarters of the government jobs which were supposed to be slashed by this month were in fact cut, according to Civil Service Commission figures.

A decision to cut the government administrative staff by three per cent - a total of 2,000 jobs - was made last July.

Since then 547 people were fired and another 793 retired from government service, totalling 1,340 jobs.

OVER 100 STUDENTS from Bar Ilan and Tel Aviv Universities have begun work on Amcor's new production lines last week. They answered an ad placed by Amcor's Holon plant on university billboards, which called on students to join the industry.

Plant general manager David Klein said he needed workers for the production of a new household item, roasting skewers.

BEER - China is building its biggest brewery in Peking to help quench a national shortage of beer, the Peking Daily said yesterday.

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MARKET STATISTICS

Indices:		
General Share Index	1985.32	+0.90%
Non-Bank Index	1322.25	-0.87%
Arrangement	1065.52	-0.31%
Insurance	141.84	-1.38%
Commerce, Services	129.37	-0.57%
Real Estate	149.05	-0.30%
Industrials	113.15	-1.23%
Textiles	135.26	-2.89%
Metals	102.72	-1.57%
Electronics	97.34	-0.00%
Chemicals	114.59	-0.44%
Industrial Invest.	114.00	-0.25%
Investment Cos.	125.18	-0.63%
General Bond Index	103.84	+0.10%
Index-linked Bonds	103.57	+0.14%
Fully-linked	105.68	+0.24%
Partially-linked	102.32	+0.07%
Dollar-linked Bonds	100.50	-0.20%
Short-term 0-2 yrs.	102.59	+0.02%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	102.34	+0.02%
Long-term 5+ yrs	103.33	+0.30%

Turnovers:		
Share - total	NIS: 6,441,200	
Arrangement	NIS 1,389,500	
Non-bank	NIS 5,051,900	
Bonds - total	NIS 4,199,900	
Index-linked	NIS 1,452,300	
Dollar-linked	NIS 2,707,800	
Treasury Bills	NIS 1,982,500	
Share Movements:		
Advances	47	(84)
of which 5% +	9	(16)
"buyers only"	1	(5)
Declines	189	(185)
of which 5% -	41	(47)
"sellers only"	13	(8)
Unchanged	143	(120)
Trading Halt	80	(48)
Bond Market Trends:		
Index-linked	3%	fully-linked
Rises to 1.5%		

SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name	Price	Volume	% 100MS change
Commercial Banks			
(not part of "arrangement")			
Maxima 1	1145	3553	-7.3
General non-arr.	30150	112	+0.5
First 1	3162	2851	-
Fin. Trade	3235	5058	-1.8
Commercial Banks			
(part of "arrangement")			
IDB r.	81900	233	+1.5
Union 0.1	61050	68	+0.8
Discount	105500	27	+1.4
Mizrahi	33450	1018	-
Hapoalim r.	54050	815	-0.5
General A	140500	5	-1.7
Lumi 0.1	35130	479	-0.1
Fin. Trade	47500	2	-1.1
Mortgage Banks			
Lumi Mort. r.	3600	20	-0.3
Dev. Mort.	922	755	-4.9
Mishkan r.	1938	71	-3.0
Tefahot r.	11150	32	-
Mashev r.	3188	188	-0.0

Name	Price	Volume	% 100MS change
Financial Institutions			
Agic C	35500	-	-
Ind. Dev. DD	no trading		
Clal Leasing 0.1	no trading		
Insurance			
Ararat 0.1 r.	4183	248	+5.3
Hasaneh r.	463	25588	-1.3
Phoenix 0.1	1287	505	-3.2
Haimshamir	6000	48	-3.3
Menorah 1	3294	48	-
Sahar r.	3714	169	+0.4
Zion Hold. 1	15700	150	-3.2

Name	Price	Volume	% 100MS change
Trade & Services			
Mair Ezra	4240	60	+2.9
Supersol 2	4000	480	-2.0
Dolek r.	4820	2373	-0.2
Lighterage	8000	50	-8.1
Cold Storage	no trading		
Dan Hotels	3520	80	+1.1
Yarden Hotel	950	182	+3.8
Hilon 1	11859	s.o.1	-6.0
Team 1	1640	480	-
Real Estate, Building and Agriculture			
Azofim	no trading		
Elion	35	8706	-
Africa Int. 0.1	35340	82	-0.3
Dankner	3400	48	-
Prop. & Bldg.	2510	2767	-
Baykide 0.1	3780	219	-2.6
ILDC r.	41450	300	-
Rassco r.	4500	309	-3.6
Mehadrin	no trading		
Haderim	1090	4472	-
Industrials			
Dubek b	2130	759	-1.8
Pr-Ze 1	3390	502	-0.8
Sunfrost	6940	172	-0.2
Elita	12400	142	-3.4
Adgar	650	1654	-4.4
Arguman r.	9130	255	-4.2
Delta G 1	4120	930	-5.5
Maquette 1	17818	3	-15.0
Eagle 1	3500	85	-
Polgat 0.1	8100	266	-2.4
Schoellern	13790	80	-
Rogovin	2700	853	-8.2
Ordan 0.1 r.	9400	23	-
la. Can. Co. 1	958	2782	-3.0
Zion Cables	2050	581	-1.0
Pecker Steel	5250	152	+2.0
Elbit 3 r.	389000	8	-

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Elion	379000	9	+1.1
Clal Electronics	28900	280	-
Spectronix 1	1725	468	-
T.A.T. 1	3146	241	+4.9
Adkastein 1	1380	1711	-7.4
Agan 5	17800	36	-0.8
Alliance	1187	s.o.1	-5.0
Dexter	3130	124	-1.5
Fertilizers	11850	72	-2.9
Hafra Chem.	822	5679	-
Teva r.	51500	183	-
Dead Sea r.	13840	1077	-
Petrochem.	424	14566	-
Neca Chem.	3080	98	-1.9
Frutson	1820	205	-
Hadera Paper	167500	48	-
Central Trade	no trading		
Koor p	484000	1	-2.1
Clal Inds.	no trading		
Investment Companies			
IDB Dev. r.	3580	2849	-
Elion	2500	2219	-
Ark 1	no trading		
Gabriel	1310	79	-4.4
Israel Corp. 1	6090	496	-
Wolfson 1 r	115000	6	-4.9
Hapoalim Inv.	4056	351	-
Lumi Invest.	3730	371	-4.1
Discount Invest.	2080	4710	-
Mizrahi Invest.	17596	101	-
Clal 10	no trading		
Lendecor 0.1	7802	-	-5.0
Perna 0.1	8075	126	-
Oil Exploration			
Paz Oil Expl.	11400	1083	-5.0
J.O.E.L.	1300	2025	-

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PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.25% per month
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	LAST UPDATED	TAPAS	PAKAM 7-DAY	PAKAM 30-DAY
LEUMI	10.4	8-12.5%	9-13%	9-14.5%
HAPOLIM	13.3	10-12%	11-12%	12-12.5%
DISCOUNT	9.4	7-13%	7-13%	9-14%
MIZRAHI	6.4	6-13%	6-14%	6-16%
FIRST INT'L	12.3	6-13%	7-13%	6-13%

Rates vary according to size of deposit.
(TAPAS: demand deposit paying daily interest.
PAKAM: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 59 days.)

PATAH - FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of April 10)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	8.250	8.250	8.125
STG	9.500	8.875	8.750
DMK	3.750	3.750	3.750
SPR	3.275	3.250	3.250
YEN	3.375	3.375	3.250

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS		BANKNOTES		BANK OF ISRAEL <i>Representative Rates</i>	
		<i>Purchase</i>	<i>Sale</i>	<i>Purchase</i>	<i>Sale</i>		
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1	1.4713	1.45	1.52	1.4801	
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	1	2.1503	2.11	2.22	2.1640	
GERMANY	MARK	1	0.6309	0.6300	0.62	0.65	0.6350
FRANCE	FRANC	1	0.1984	0.2009	0.19	0.20	0.1984
HOLLAND	GULDEN	1	0.5607	0.5677	0.55	0.58	0.5640
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	1	0.7537	0.7632	0.74	0.78	0.7589
KENYA	KWEN	1	0.1896	0.2023	0.18	0.21	0.2008
NORWAY	KRONE	1	0.2015	0.2041	0.20	0.21	0.2029
DENMARK	KRONE	1	0.1713	0.1734	0.17	0.18	0.1723
FINLAND	MARK	1	0.2811	0.2846	0.28	0.29	0.2824
CANADA	DOLLAR	1	1.0631	1.0784	1.05	1.10	1.0698
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1	1.0536	1.0636	1.04	1.08	1.0605
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	1	0.7114	0.7203	0.68	0.53	0.7171
BELGIUM	FRANC	10	0.3083	0.3121	0.30	0.32	0.3130
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	10	0.8993	0.9106	0.89	0.93	0.9045
ITALY	LIRE	1000	0.5219	0.5334	0.50	0.56	0.5274
JAPAN	YEN	100	0.8168	0.8290	0.81	0.84	0.8230
JORDAN	DINAR	1	—	—	4.05	4.30	4.1147
EGYPT	POUND	1	—	—	0.79	0.84	0.8215

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Saved before the bell

THE crisis that very nearly cut short the career of the national unity government has very nearly been averted.

Only a few hours ago – Wednesday night, in fact – Knesset elections in June or July were being described by the pundits as a virtually foregone conclusion, even without the assistance of Labour's anti-rotationists. The Likud ministers, a solid phalanx arrayed behind their colleague Yitzhak Moda'i, were to collectively submit their resignation at next Sunday's cabinet session to Premier Shimon Peres. Mr. Peres, in turn, failing to form a narrow coalition with the religious parties, would then tender his own resignation to the president.

Likud strategists were already plotting the election campaign against the Alignment. Their main target was to be Mr. Peres: properly tarred and feathered, he was to be presented as the old intriguer, solicitous only of his party's "sectoral" interest, who would seize on some perfectly inoffensive remarks about him by the finance minister, that dauntless warrior against inflation, to renege on his commitment to rotate the premiership next October to the Likud's Yitzhak Shamir.

Now suddenly, everything – well, almost everything – has been turned upside down. Mr. Shamir, no longer threatening dissolution of the Likud's partnership with the Alignment, has in effect consented to dismount from the high horse of defiance. He is willing to consider an arrangement that would meet Mr. Peres's one basic demand: Mr. Moda'i's removal from the Treasury.

Mr. Moda'i would instead get the foreign affairs portfolio, which he has long craved. He would probably keep that post after the rotation, too. Mr. Shamir would take over the Treasury, in addition to his duties as vice premier, until the rotation, when he would – or at least might – turn it over to Mr. Peres, who has lately shown a preference for this post over the Foreign Ministry which he originally earmarked for himself.

This new deal between the two major parties is yet to be finalized, and a last-minute hitch cannot be ruled out. But if it goes through, it will mean a tactical triumph for Mr. Peres, who, by bending the Likud to his will, has at long last successfully reaffirmed the principle of collective cabinet responsibility.

The premier would not, needless to say, have scored his victory had the Likud ministers not felt that the arrangement also served their, and their party's interests.

Although he has publicly sounded confident of the Likud sweeping the polls even if elections were held this summer, Mr. Shamir would surely rather regain the premiership without a fresh popular mandate. Leading the Likud from a position of strength as premier would, in his view, also significantly improve his party's chances of winning in 1988, or whenever the next elections are held. And the other contenders for Herut's leadership are loath to relinquish their present executive departments which are sources of patronage and springboards for supreme power.

Labour's anti-rotationists may well argue that the Likud's contribution so far to the success of the national unity government does not entitle it to any such advantages. But Mr. Peres can hardly begrudge them to Mr. Shamir and his colleagues and still maintain that he favours the continuance of the present government.

What must – and, it may be hoped, does – both the premier is the prospect of Mr. Moda'i being appointed foreign minister. If Mr. Moda'i, whose views on war and peace do not materially differ from premier-to-be Shamir's, also brings the diplomatic tact he has displayed in domestic politics to his new post, the country's foreign relations may end up in deep trouble. And the Alignment's hopes of at least keeping the diplomatic process alive may be dealt a heavy blow.

Fortunately, Yitzhak Rabin is to stay on as defence minister, and thus assure Labour's input on foreign affairs. Long thought to be rather to the right of Mr. Peres on Arab-policy, Mr. Rabin emerged from the Labour convention this week as a force for liberalism in the search for peace. This alone is reason for optimism.

CHIEF RABBI OF ROME

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rabbi, the pope will speak, ending with Psalm 133. Toaff will then read Psalm 124. Following this, the chorus will sing *Ani Ma'amin*, Maimonides's first article of faith, which during the Holocaust became known as "the chant of the deported." A moment of silence will follow before the chorus sings Psalm 16.
Then the pope, accompanied by a small group of Christians, Jews and press representatives, will walk upstairs to the rabbi's study where a "private" conversation will take place that will be heard and seen around the world.

IN CONSIDERING the problems of Halacha, the chief rabbi consulted with the Council of European Rabbis, on whose executive he serves. Their considerations also took note of the positive effects such a visit would have for the Jewish people. Toaff is convinced the event will lessen anti-Semitism on the part of religious Christians who, he believes, will be moved by the fact that the pope has come to the synagogue and spoken to the Jews. It is also part of the series of many small

steps in liberalization of Church policies that have come during the past 20 years or so since John XXIII's pontificate.

By acting in this way, with small steps rather than sweeping gestures, the Church has avoided giving the impression of a revolution in its position. Thus the visit to the synagogue now appears to be a natural consequence of these steps.
It is especially symbolic, Toaff added, that the pope should come to the synagogue in Rome, where there has been a Jewish community since 200 years before the birth of Jesus.

In this context, Toaff said that the Jewish community cannot forget its centuries of suffering at Christian hands. "We would be betraying our martyrs if we did so. But," he added, "if we want to change and to build, we cannot do so while looking backwards. We must look forward to the future."

Though he once met with the pope outside a parish church near the Jewish ghetto, Toaff has never been received at the Vatican. He believes that it is up to the Christians, not the Jews, to make the first move towards reconciliation.

SECOND CARRIER

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accept terrorism without retaliating. But Carrington, secretary-general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, said on U.S. television that Europeans might not support severe U.S. military retaliation even though they would sympathize with some U.S. retaliation.

In Israel, U.S. Undersecretary of state for Political Affairs Michael Armacost yesterday promised Vice Premier Shamir that the U.S. will make an effort to repair the damage done to tourism from the U.S. to Israel as a result of the fear of flying to the Middle East.

Armacost proposed increasing the number of direct flights between the U.S. and Israel.

In a reply to a query by Shamir, Armacost said that the recent U.S. warning given to public figures not to travel to Israel for fear of terrorist attacks had been the result of a misunderstanding.

Armacost also met with Prime Minister Peres yesterday and told him that the U.S. is trying to persuade European nations to close the Libyan representations in their countries as part of the fight against international terrorism, which is initiated by Libya.

Portion of the week

By SHLOMO MAOZ

"PERES has no part in either the planning or the execution. There is no argument that the planning and the execution are both my responsibility. Peres should get the credit for the Histadrut's cooperation but I should receive full recognition for standing firm. For Peres does not understand economics and he is a compromiser by nature. This is the first time in 10 years that there is no supplementary budget. My tough stand and stubbornness accomplished that." Those words of Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i served as the cause for Premier Shimon Peres's decision to fire Moda'i.

Some Labour ministers have been looking for an excuse for months not to honour the rotation agreement, but Peres has claimed all along that it is necessary to fulfil it. He was concerned – and justly so – about his public credibility as a man who does or does not honour agreements. These ministers, however, were always less cautious, demanding the abrogation of the agreement, no matter what the cause. Finally, Moda'i supplied them with the pretext.

THE PASSAGE quoted above is taken from an interview Moda'i gave to the daily *Ha'aretz* last Friday. It needs to be analyzed, for it is characteristic of Moda'i's remarks and contains the principal section that angered Peres. Let's take it clause by clause.

"Peres had no part in the planning or execution." Those words of Moda'i are completely incorrect. Peres was one of the principal planners and activators of the economic plan from its earliest stages and, in fact, worked at the outset in opposition to the opinions of the majority of Labour ministers, who opposed cuts in their ministries' budgets. Peres went over the plan point by point with the planners, working day and night. He studied the problem in detail as no prime minister had done since Levi Eshkol. Without the risks that Peres took, the programme would not have been approved and would not have been implemented.

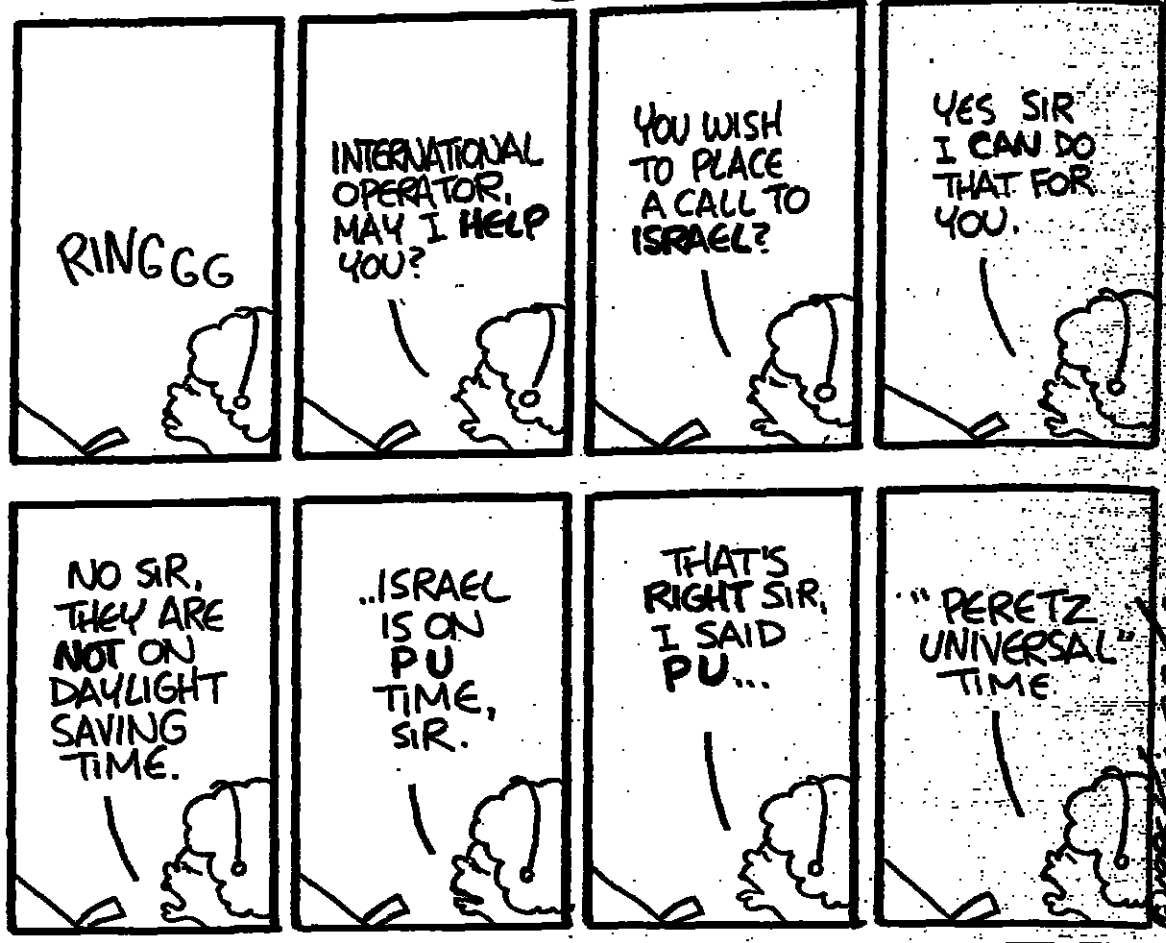
The second clause: "There is no argument that both the planning and

execution are my responsibility." This is partially correct. The planning is said to have been done mainly by Prof. Michael Bruno and Eitan Berglass together with the premier and the finance minister. Activating the plan was indeed Moda'i's responsibility, but with the full backing of the prime minister. Moda'i did not win the support of the Likud ministers at the beginning of the programme, so that his responsibility for the matter as finance minister would not have helped without the solid backing that he got from Peres in the first months of the emergency plan.

The third clause: "Peres should get credit for the Histadrut's cooperation." Truly, Peres should be recognized for this achievement, as Moda'i said. Histadrut leaders really went wild during the first two weeks of the programme, and only Peres's patience led to negotiations and a signature on an agreement that satisfied Yisrael Kessar. Peres only threatened to employ emergency regulations, but Moda'i had already favoured them a year earlier, in September 1984. Nine months were wasted with bad package deals that Moda'i opposed, until Peres recognized that there was no avoiding emergency surgery. But Peres also understood that merely threatening to implement emergency regulations would help in reaching an agreement with the Histadrut, while Moda'i was fed up by the waste of nine months and wanted to use the emergency regulations in the areas of wages and firings. Officials who took part in planning the programme say that if not for the agreement of the Histadrut, and the understanding that Kessar showed after the first two weeks, there was fear the plan would fail and lead to a big devaluation, a large cut in the budget and a new round of high inflation.

THE FOURTH clause: "I should receive full recognition for standing firm." That recognition should indeed be given to Moda'i, who during all the months of the economic programme did not violate the plan and did not bow to great pressure to spend more money. Even when the government decided to release small amounts of money, Moda'i made the

The Friday Dry Bones



recipients sweat blood before he released the funds. He simply turned off the faucets. In contrast to Moda'i, Peres started to open his tightly clenched fist. After several months, Peres the politician began to give in to pressure from his party's ministers and agreed to increase the budgets of the Health and Education ministries and for the Histadrut health fund.

That brings us to the fifth clause: "Peres does not understand economics and is a compromiser by nature." In truth, Peres is not an economist; but he does understand economics. It has become clear that in a short period he has learned economics to the extent that even economic professors, especially those of the "Tel Aviv school," cannot compete with him. At a recent meeting with senior economic journalists, Peres astounded everyone with his knowledge, even the biggest sceptics were left with their mouths agape at the depth of his understanding.

For this reason, Peres is indeed qualified to serve as finance minister once the rotation takes effect, and in contrast to some of the previous occupants of that office, he would come knowing quite a bit about the inner workings of the economy.

Peres does not give in naturally and the concessions he made stemmed from pressure by his fellow Labour Party ministers. He also had to give in to Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who did not make any real cuts in the defence budget despite declarations that the cutbacks had been made.

The sixth clause: "This is the first time in 10 years that there is no supplementary budget. My stubbornness and tough stand accomplished that." This is true. This is indeed the first time in years there is no supplementary budget. The growth of the budget was prevented. But if there were really a cut in the budget, there would be money left over. In effect, the government did not cut its budget at all, but merely stopped its growth. The drop in the deficit from 16-17 per cent of the gross national product to 4 or 5 per cent came from higher taxes, especially on companies and the self-employed. The drop in the deficit followed from a heavier tax burden and not from a cut in the budget.

It is correct that Moda'i's tough stand, after Peres was satisfied that the programme had succeeded and wanted to open the taps more and

more, prevented a renewal of the flow of money into the economy. Moda'i's stubbornness preserved the budgetary framework, while Peres wanted to help the sectors connected with the Alignment, such as the cotton industry, most of which is located in kibbutzim.

PERES said in his speech to this week's Labour Party convention that the economic accomplishments belong to the entire government. And not only the government, Peres said, but to the whole nation, including the Histadrut and the employers.

The pressure from below of the public, which cooperated with the government, brought about the success of the economic programme. Even today, the majority of the public prefer stable prices without elections and without shocks. And any party or politician that violates the economic tranquility may pay the price at the polling booth. The nation is sick and tired of instability. The public has gained stability and will fight for it.

The writer is the economic editor of The Jerusalem Post.

READERS' LETTERS

OFFENSIVE DEFENDER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, – I was appalled at the articles, "Halachic pro and con" (April 2). When I began reading the supposedly pro-halachic article, I was sure the headlines had been mixed up. That was until I read the anti-halachic article.

What will we see next? Pro-American and anti-American articles by Gorbachev and Khomenei?

Theodore Friedman may be something, but it's not halacha. He quotes the Rambam (Maimonides) apparently without taking the time to learn the Rambam. In his code of halacha, *Mishne Torah*, the Rambam says (*Hilchot Issurei Biya*) that a *ger tashav* (resident stranger) is called this because only a *ger tashav* among all Jews – even non-idol worshippers – may live in Eretz Yisrael. He adds that we may not accept a *ger tashav* except when the laws of the jubilee year are in force, which, in case Mr. Friedman is unaware, they are currently not.

YA'AL'S DEDICATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, – On April 3, I was privileged to participate in an unforgettable meeting at Tel Aviv's Hechal Hatarbut, which seems to have been overlooked by the media.

At that meeting, Motta Gur, Shoshana Arbeli-Almosino and Dr. Israel Katz paid tribute to 3,500 men

Mr. Klein, who ironically seems to know much more about halacha than Mr. Friedman, still manages to miss the point. If the halacha is racist according to the ludicrous proposed definition, then there is a problem with the definition. Certainly halacha is chauvinistic but rejecting the modern-day sacred cow of untrained and blind pluralism is not racist, however it might disturb humanists.

Also, contrary to Mr. Klein, there is no attempt being made to delegitimize non-religious Jews. It is they who are attempting to legitimize – as did the Sadducees and Karaites (and Christians) before them – a pale and gentrified "Judaism" with no meaning or history.

As for The Post, it owes an abject apology to the observant public for attempting to present an enemy of halacha as its defender.

BRAD AARONSON
Elazar.

SCREENING OLIM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, – Israel is our national homeland, a potential home for all Jews. This is not because we Israelis are such nice people, but because it was given to all Jews and therefore belongs to them all.

The day the WZO starts "screening candidates" with a mind to "refusing entry" to those whom Steve Amsel (Letters - April 1) or anyone else defines as racist, I don't think we will have much of a moral claim to exist as a state.

If an immigrant arrives here and commits a crime, we have Israeli courts and prisons – that is what being a nation is all about. As far as I know, being a member of the Jewish Defence League is not an illegal act.

DANIEL MARKS
Jerusalem.

LOOKING FOR PARNAS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, – I have reason to believe that relatives or survivors of a Parnas family from Poland are now living in Israel. Recently, photographs and documents referring to them were found in Podkowa Lesna. During the Nazi occupation, the house in which they were found belonged to the Swiecki family.

Interested relatives can write to me at Podkowa Lesna, 25 Wiewiorek Street, 05-807 Poland.

JOANNA SWIEDRZAK
Podkowa Lesna, Poland.

DEMJANJUK'S TRIAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, – Of one thing Mr. Mark O'Connor can be sure. His client, Demjanjuk, will receive an honest and just trial by the Jewish state and people – unlike what any Jew could have expected to receive in Demjanjuk's native Ukraine! If he is proved innocent, he will be freed; if not, his punishment must be suited to fit his crimes.

Therefore, I take exception to Mr. O'Connor's implication that the Jewish people's interest in seeing that sadistic mass murderers be brought to justice is based on a desire to "pin generations of hate and revenge on an innocent man" (March 24). Indeed, those who have

this tradition in their blood are the nations, such as Demjanjuk's, who have gone unpunished for a thousand years of murdering millions of innocent Jewish men, women and children for no other reasons save those of hate and revenge.

The Jewish people have far more reason for such feelings towards the gentle nations than the other way round, yet it is a fact, that, in spite of all we have suffered at their hands, we still have a long way to go before we can match their feelings of hatred towards us. I doubt that we will ever be able to catch up with them.

TRUDY GEFEN
Kiryat Ono.

WRITERS IN ENGLISH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, – The Israel Association of Writers in English invites submissions of hitherto unpublished poetry and short stories written in English by any resident of Israel, for the coming issue of the IAWWE journal, Arc 4.

We are happy to announce that Arc 3 is now on sale. Enquiries in writing should be directed to the Secretary of IAWWE at 4 Nathan Street, Ramat Gan 52435.

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